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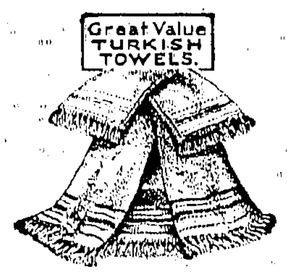

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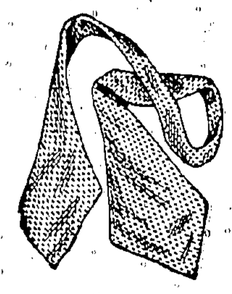

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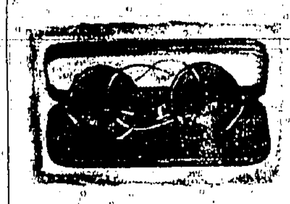

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A CAPTAIN'S STORY.

Unruly Indians Who Had to Be Locked Up.

Order was only restored on board the s.s. "City of Corinth," when a few days from Hongkong, by the captain procuring revolvers to protect the loyal part of his crew against "picketing" by nine firemen who gave trouble as far back as June, when they adopted a ca' canny policy because they were tired.

These nine Indian firemen were tried and sentenced at the Marine Court this morning.

On the first charge of disobedience to the lawful commands of the master at Manila on August 1, they got four weeks each.

After the master had given evidence, the Magistrate (Lt.-Com. G. F. Holt, R.N.) added a second charge of combining to impede the navigation of the ship; on this defendants each received an additional twelve weeks.

Pay to be "Docked."

Both sentences were with hard labour," to run consecutively (meaning sixteen weeks in all), without the option of a fine.

His Worship also ordered that "any wages that may be due, to be used for their subsistence while undergoing their sentence and the residue for their repatriation to Bombay."

Mr. L. R. Andrewes appeared for the prosecution.

First to give evidence was Captain G. J. D. Burton, who explained that defendants were all members of his crew, on articles which had not yet expired.

They began to give trouble in the North Atlantic, when off Gibraltar, saying that they were tired and that there was no need to maintain speed as they were carrying neither mail nor passengers.

Previous Trouble.

At Colombo witness prosecuted one of the firemen who was convicted. Defendants wanted to leave their ship but the captain wanted them to pay their own expenses.

Things continued till Manila where the men were refused shore leave because of the strict laws there regarding deserters from ships.

Trouble broke out, the men openly refused to work even when summoned before the captain. The British Consul-General went on board and explained the penalties to defendants. The Consul informed witness that the civil authorities in Manila could give no assistance and suggested that the men should be brought to Hongkong to be dealt with here.

Subsequently the defendants, said Captain Burton, picketed the stokehold door, "driving on deck the men who were working and refusing to allow any one to go below."

Put in Irons.

"To safeguard the loyal men," remarked Captain Burton, "I procured revolvers."

Explaining that the loyal men were so intimidated that they dared not work, witness added that defendants were put in irons. They were removed to the House of Detention and then brought to Hongkong.

Confirmatory evidence was given by Mr. W. Kirk (chief engineer) and Mr. T. McKinney (second engineer).

Defendants declined to cross-examine but one of them made a statement.

His Worship found all the men guilty on both charges and imposed sentence as stated.

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The report of captain states that the crew consists of 18 British and 42 Asiatics.

TEST MATCH SURPRISE.

Surprising changes have been made in England's XI for the deciding cricket match with Australia. For particulars see page nine.

MAGISTRACY ITEMS.

WAYS OF SCAVENGERS AND THIEVES.

EXHIBITS IN COURT.

More than the usual number of assault cases and larcenies made up the charge sheets at the Central Magistracy this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

A Debt Dispute.

A blacksmith from Shaukiwan with a wounded head was the complainant in an assault charge against a boat builder, the wound stated to have been inflicted with a wooden pole when complainant went on Saturday morning to collect the balance of an old debt amounting to $1.55. Complainant alleged that he was attacked by the defendant and three others.

Defendant was fined $3 and ordered to sign a personal bond for future good behaviour. He was further ordered to pay $2 as compensation to the complainant, thus satisfying the debt.

Scavengers' Ways.

Two scavenging coolies were involved in another case, the aggrieved party appearing with a wounded leg. An iron bar was brought to prove the assault.

Complainant said that they had a dispute yesterday over a broom and he was attacked at Leighton Hill Road this morning.

Defendant attempted to prove that he was also assaulted, but he had to pay a fine of $5, or go to prison for seven days.

Woman In Hospital.

Sergeant James, of the Aberden Police Station, charged two women and a man with assaulting another women who was in hospital with a deep wound in the thigh.

The injured woman was unable to say how she received the wound, and Sergeant James thought it possible that she fell oved an anchor which was found there, as alleged by the defendants in their statements to the police and in court.

Defendants were remanded on bail for one week.

An Unusual Find.

In explanation of a charge of unlawful possession of a bundle of copper wire and metal, a Chinese boy told the Magistrate that he found them in a lane at Wanchai.

Div.-Inspector Blackman said that inquiries had been made since Saturday morning to trace the owner, but without success.

The boy received eight strokes with a light cane.

Dockyard Theft.

An apprentice failed to get away with a bucket containing ten pounds of tin soldier, the property of the Taikoo Docks. He was charged with theft.

Defendant, who pleaded that he was pressed to commit the theft owing to starvation, was sentenced to four weeks' hard labour.

STREET FIGHTS.

CANTON CURBING MOB ROWDIES?

LABOURERS' DISPUTES.

Continual riots and fights between opposing bodies of workmen in Canton have led to about fifteen being arrested by the Department of Public Safety (Police Commissioner) on Saturday night.

The trouble has spread to several Unions and the real casus belli has now been lost sight of.

In different parts of the city rowdies have met and fought, causing considerable unrest. Most of the men were armed with all kinds of weapons.

The authorities have taken action and it is believed that the trouble is in hand. Armed police patrols were out again on Saturday, it is reported.

On the Taiping maloo, leading into the western suburb from the Bund, seventeen men are stated to have been killed or seriously wounded on Friday.

The postal strikers are expected to return to work to-day.

A correspondent to the "Wan Tsz Yat Po" states that the tea-house and (wheat) flour workers were mainly concerned; and that the strike of oilshop employees has been settled.

The s.s. "Szechuen" reports the suspected suicide of a second-class Chinese passenger from Shanghai. She left that port on August 3 and the man was posted missing the second day out.

ARMS IN BOOTS.

SMART CAPTURE BY DETECTIVE.

PIRACY PREVENTED?

Five Chinese passengers of the s.s. "Suiyang," who tried to put into practice a stratagem one sometimes sees recorded in a cinema plot, were all arrested and charged this morning before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kowloon Magistracy with unlawful possession of arms.

While Detective Sergeant Barnicle of the Water Police was searching the luggage of various passengers of the "Suiyang," which sailed yesterday for Shanghai, he found in the accuseds' luggage, three pairs of brown boots, each containing a fully loaded revolver. The revolvers were hidden between the soles of the shoes, and so carefully finished was the handiwork, that nothing unusual would be noticed even by a keen observer. It was only when handling and noticing the unusual weight that Detective Barnicle discovered the arms.

When the charge was read to the defendants this morning, one of them pleaded "Guilty" and assumed all the responsibility. The other defendants pleaded "Not Guilty" and denied having had any participation in the affair.

It is thought that the arms were going to be used for an intended piracy in Shanghai.

The case was remanded until Friday.

SHOT & ROBBED.

FOREIGNER HELD UP IN SHANGHAI.

NO WARNING GIVEN.

Shanghai, Aug. 8.

A foreigner named J. W. Elliott, Clerk of Works of the P.W.D., was driving along Keswick Road yesterday evening when five robbers stopped the car, wounded Mr. Elliott, and robbed him of $60.

It is reported that Mr. Elliott was not ordered to stop, but that the shot was fired without warning.

It pierced his left arm and slightly injured him in the chest.

Mr. Elliott was taken to hospital.

None of the gang has been arrested.—Reuter.

MIDNIGHT BLAZE.

YAUMATI MEDICINE SHOP DESTROYED.

BRIGADE SAVES BUILDING.

A fire broke out in Kowloon a few minutes before midnight, last night, in the ground floor of a three-storied building, the second block in Shanghai Street near the junction of Public Square Street, Yaumati.

Two appliances left the Kowloon Fire Station, followed by one from the Mongkok Station on the "home call" being given. Three deliveries tackled the fire from different angles, one of them being brought in from a lane at the rear of the building.

The efforts of the Brigade confined the fire to the ground floor, used as a herbalists' shop, where the stock of medicine leaves was destroyed. The fire spread to the ceiling and affected part of the first floor planking, but this was checked by the firemen taking a hose to the floor by ladder. The contents of this portion of the building used as a dwelling suffered water damage.

The appliances returned to their Station 44 minutes after the receipt of the call.

CANTON'S WAR FUNDS.

Canvassers are being sent out from Canton, states a report, to collect moneys from overseas Chinese, in aid of the Nationalist Government's expedition against the North.

MONEY LOANS.

ASSOCIATION BOOKS ALLEGED FALSE.

"NAME ADDED?"

Falsification of books was alleged in a case in the Summary Court this morning in which Wong Sham-chuen was sued by Chan Chung in respect of two Money Loan Associations of which it is alleged he is the head.

Plaintiff who was an undrawn member of these Associations, claimed return of subscriptions amounting to $300 in the first Money Loan Association and $150 in respect of the second. Breach of trust in failing to carry out duties as head of the Association is alleged.

Mr. D. McCallum appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. M. K. Lo defended.

Certain women who deposed to being undrawn members of the Association were called by plaintiff as witnesses, stating either that they had been asked to join by the defendant himself or his deceased wife, Chan Ho. They looked on defendant as the head.

The defendant was called and denied directing the Associations. Questioned as to his name appearing on certain books dealing with the affairs of the Association, defendant said that his wife had written his name.

Mr. Lo pointed out that the defendant's name was written in the books in different ink to the other entries. Asked by his Honour if he alleged falsification, Mr. Lo said that he did although he could call no evidence.

His Honour examined the books and indicated that he was not in agreement with Mr. Lo.

His Honour also added that he would prefer hearing the evidence of drawn members of the Association as such would not have a direct interest in the issue of this case and he asked Mr. McCallum to endeavour to get into touch with drawn members.

The case was therefore adjourned as concerned the writ on the Money Lending Association issue. With regard to a claim by the plaintiff for $81, money lent, His Honour gave judgment for plaintiff remarking that he believed plaintiff's evidence in preference to that of the defendant.

GRAND PRIX.

FIRST EVER HELD IN BRITAIN.

287 MILES MOTOR RACE.

Rugby, Aug. 8.

The first "Grand Prize" motor race ever held in England took place yesterday at Brooklands over a course of 287 miles which was made to approximate as nearly as possible to road conditions by inclusion of sandbanks forming hairpin bends. There were eight corners to be taken in each circuit and 110 laps had to be covered.

R. E. Senischal, driving a Delage car, won the first prize. His average speed was 71.61 miles per hour.

Major Segrave, on a Talbot, made the fastest lap, covering 2.616 miles at a pace of 89.99 miles per hour.—British Wireless Service.

Britain Unplaced.

An earlier Reuter cable states:—

The first motoring Grand Prix ever held in Britain, covering 110 laps, aggregating 287 miles, and in which there were 880 bends, was won by a Delage car, driven at first by Senechal and later by Wagner. It won by four laps, an average of 71.61 miles. Campbell, driving a Bugatti, was second, and another Delage third. Nine competed, five British and four French. The British were unplaced.

France having won the French-European-Grand Prix secures the world championship, the only other events concerned therein being the Indianapolis, five hundred miles, which was won by America, and the Italian Grand Prix, which is not yet decided.

"MAN OVERBOARD."

When off Gap Rock, the s.s "Namsang," from Calcutta and Singapore, lost a Chinese male deck passenger, who went overboard. On arrival here, the incident was reported.

FALSE ALARM.

FIRE ENGINE COLLIDES IN CITY.

FIREMAN INJURED.

Wiring Connections At Club To Blame?

Whilst proceeding to the Hongkong Club at 9.55 a.m. to-day in response to an alarm which proved false, the No. 6 fire engine appliance skidded on the damp road surface and collided with a pillar of the C.P.R. (Union) building at the junction of Pedder Street and Chater Road.

Fireman No. 59 was jolted off the engine and sustained injuries to chest and neck which necessitated his removal to the Government Civil Hospital where he is progressing favourably.

The fire engine was damaged very considerably, the radiator being smashed in and the fire escape carried also being damaged. It was towed back to the station by another fire engine. It will be some time before the engine is again in commission but it is hoped to get the fire escape repaired and ready for use in the course of the day.

Narrow Escape.

Although the impact was considerable the pillar shows little signs of the collision. Needless to say, if the engine had not first struck the pillar and had entered through the C.P.R. window there might have been many more casualties as there were a number of people in the office at the time and the engine was travelling at considerable speed.

This is the second false fire alarm within two months from the Hongkong Club and is believed to have been due to defective wiring. The Club is connected up direct with the fire station and as soon as the indicator falls the brigade immediately gets busy. The falling of the signal does not, however, open up immediate telephonic communication with the Club and as seconds may be precious the fire station on both occasions has immediately sent the machines away without confirming an outbreak.

Second False Alarm.

In June of this year a new alarm was put in at the Club and when the last false alarm occurred a glass cover which was being made for the push bell had not been completed. It was thought that the last alarm might have been due to this push bell having been accidentally touched.

The push bell is now, however, under glass and the possibility of accidental contact is therefore removed. It is thought that a crossing of wires may have something to do with it and the Club authorities are having the connections examined.

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ALLEGED YAUMATI ROBBERS CHARGED.

BROUGHT FROM MACAO.

Six men who are alleged to have taken part in an armed robbery at Woosung Street, Yaumati, on the morning of August 2, when booty of $1,500 consisting of cash and jewellery was taken away, were charged this morning before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kowloon Magistracy.

It is alleged that the men were trying to make their "get away" in Macao when they were surprised by the local police there, who were notified of the fugitives' arrival by the Hongkong police. After arrest, they were identified and brought back to Hongkong.

The case was formally remanded for a week.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

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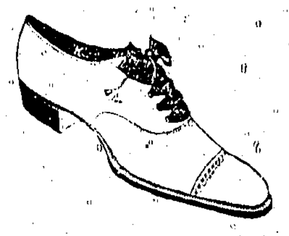

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BANKRUPT FIRMS.

FIRST GENERAL MEETING NOTICES.

HING LOONG DIVIDEND.

The current issue of the Government Gazette gives the following notices of first general meetings of creditors of firm in respect of which receiving orders have been made, the meetings in each case being at the Official Receiver's Office.

Hui Chau Nam, trading as the Nam Sing firm, of No. 36, Des Voeux Road:—August 12 at 10-30.

Wan Tit Yung, trading as the Foo Wo Firm, of 194 Des Voeux Road West:—August 13 at 10-30.

Fung Hing Song, trading as the Tai Hing firm; August 12 at 11-30.

Ko Loy, trading as the Wing Fung firm, of Om Yau Street:—August 13 at 11-30.

Man Wan Sang alias Man Ping Cheong alias Man Chung Fan, manager of the Tai Shing Navigation Company Ltd., of 296 Des Voeux Road, Central:—August 14 at 10-30.

Ng Sze Tsan, of 151 Connaught Road Central:—August 14 at 11-30.

The Man Yin Wing, alias A. Ling and Company, of 19 Queen's Road Central:—August 16 at 10-30.

In respect of the Hing Loong Firm, of 3 Lyndhurst Terrace, Mr. Pan Yan Shan, Trustee, gives notice as follows:

A final dividend of $23.10 per $100.00 has been declared in the matter of the Hing Loong Firm of No. 3, Lyndhurst Terrace, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, adjudicated bankrupt on January 30, 1926, and the same may be received at No. 4, Bonham Strand West, ground floor, Victoria, aforesaid on August 7, 1926, or on any subsequent day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BANK NOTES.

Returns of the average amount of Bank Notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong during the month ended July 31, 1926, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:—

Banks	Average Amount.	Specie In Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	$13,568,840	5,300,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	$40,310,354	38,000,000†
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.	$ 1,542,907	550,000§
Total	$55,362,101	43,850,000

* In addition Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £1,283,500.
† In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at £3,108,097.
§ In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £30,000.

The final acceptance of the report and accounts of Mr. Leslie Stedman, A.C.A., of Tientsin, liquidator of the Peking firm of Messrs. John Fenton and Co., Ltd., has been declared in the official notice issued by H. B. M. Supreme Court for China authorising the release of the liquidator from further duties in this matter. The winding-up order was made by the British Court on May 5, 1922, so that it has taken over four years to liquidate the affairs of the company in question.

London, July 15.—Creditors met at the London Bankruptcy Court owing to the failure of Mr. Edward Henry Coopman, a Solicitor, late of the City and Hampstead. The liabilities roughly were estimated at £100,000. The official receiver dealt with claims amounting to £45,499. It was stated that the only available assets was wine in a locked cellar at the debtor's residence and law books worth £60 at his city office. The debtor did not surrender to the proceedings. It is understood that he left for Colombo on June 26. A trustee was elected to wind up the estate.

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BANKING COMPETITION.

Among the first-class Japanese banks, interest rates on deposits are fixed by agreement, but this agreement is not very faithfully observed by some of the signatory banks. In August last, the Yasuda Bank caused a great sensation in banking circles by violating it, and now a similar charge is laid against the Wakao and the Watanabe Banks. The case of these two banks was recently taken up by the other banks concerned, but there is evidently a strong disposition among all ranks concerned in the agreement to say no more about it, because it is popularly alleged, practically all banks do the same thing. Discussing the subject editorially, the "Yorodzu" wonders whether the frequent breaches of the agreement are due to low standards of morality among the bankers or whether it is because the agreement demands what is impossible. The agreed rates on deposits, it says, are of two kinds, one being fixed at 1.2 sen and the other at 1.3 sen. As both the Wakao and the Watanabe Banks are among those banks for which the latter kind of rates are enforced, they are forbidden to give higher rates than 1.3 sen for their deposits.

Favoured Gas Co. Deposits.

A rumour busily circulated at present, however, has it that since 1920, these banks have been paying a rate of 2.2 sen, or 9 rin higher than the agreed rates, on the deposits of the Tokyo Gas Company. The Company, as well as the accused banks, persist in denying the report, but the "Yorodzu" is rather inclined to credit it, for it understands that the evidence for the accusation has been supplied by a certain person who, until recently, had been a Manager of the Tokyo Gas Company. This suspicion appears almost confirmed when it is remembered that there exists a specially close relationship between the Company and the two banks. If the rumour be somewhat exaggerated, it must at least contain some truth, and as such, the case requires a thorough investigation. The Tokyo journal is, therefore, highly dissatisfied with the attitude of the leading banks signatory to the agreements, who are said to have a disinclination to probe the matter to the bottom. Their lukewarm attitude has already encouraged a disquieting opinion among a group of bankers in favour of the total abrogation of the agreement. Those who hold this view maintain that if the agreement is so vulnerable, there is no reason why it should continue in existence. Free competition, they argue, will be more conducive to the object of amalgamation, which is earnestly pursued by the Department of Finance. Our Tokyo contemporary strongly urges that the closest inquiries should be instituted into the case of the Wakao and the Watanabe Banks without delay, as otherwise the rumour will gain credence that the curious hesitancy shown by the banks to investigate the matter arises from the fear that their own delinquencies of a similar character may come to light, if investigations are vigorously pushed forward.

TO BUILD OWN CASES.

Sydney, N. S. W.

Some months ago the British Imperial Oil Company agitated for a tariff charge on cases entering Australia covering oil. The company mentioned constructs its cases in Australia by Australian labour and of Australian timber, and it made out an argument in support of its main proposition.

It is now announced that the Vacuum Oil Company Proprietary Limited has arranged a depot at Balmain, Sydney, which apparently will meet this phase of competition. The Balmain Municipal Council was notified by the company that it would spend about £500,000 on the enterprise, which would comprehend petrol storage tanks and case warehouse premises. The information, therefore, was not quite definite, but the new move is read in the way indicated, subject to variation upon the company's operations developing.

A Shanghai firm has received the following from its Tientsin agents:—"We beg to inform you that we have cleared 43 packages through the Native Customs and paid the additional 2½ per cent. likin charges. It is questionable whether any object could be served by holding the consignment pending a decision from the Consular Body, and we understand, merchants have no alternative in the meantime, but to pay the charges under protest."

INDIAN COTTON GROWERS.

Bombay, July 19.

That the cotton industry is of paramount importance to India, and, therefore, it should be protected by the Government, is the opinion expressed by the Bombay Millowners' Association, in the course of a long statement submitted to the Tariff Board inquiring into the textile industry.

The Association stresses the unfair nature of competition by the Japanese mills, which are allowed to work under the two-shifts system for twenty hours a day, and to employ women and children at night. It also ascribes the present depression in the industry to the depreciated foreign exchanges, especially of Japan, increased wages in Bombay and excessive taxation.

Increase Duty.

Suggestions made by the Association to remedy the present position include a proportionate increase in the duty upon goods imported from competing countries equal to the depreciation of the exchanges of those countries, and protection against countries working on the double shift system with female and child labour, as to which, in the case of Japan, the protective duties against her should be about eight and five per cent. respectively; and the reduction of duties on machinery and mill stores as well as reduction of the company super-tax. Further steps that should be taken by the Government of India include the reduction of railway freights; negotiation with the steamship companies with a view to reduction of freight rates to all export markets, regarding which the Association suggested that the Government of India follow the example of Japan by subsidising shipping lines; appointment of Trade Commissioners to assist the industry; and adoption of a scientific tariff. The Indian cotton industry requires additional protection equivalent to 13 per cent. of duty against foreign countries.

No Increased Cost.

The Association maintains that the existence of 337 competing mills in India will prevent any rise in the cost of cloth.

The Association also expressed the opinion that if Sterling exchange be brought down to 1/4d. to a gold Rupee, and Japanese mills be made to work under the one-shift system, without employing women and children at night, the Indian cotton industry could stand on its own legs and would not require any Government protection.

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulun tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888, and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high-and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two

August 6 to 12, 1926.

Date		High Water		Lower Water	
August		Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.
Fri.	6	m 7 36	5.8	m 0 48	3.4
		9 49a	4.2	2 54 a	1.0
Sat.	7	m 8 17	7.0	m 1 31	3.3
		10 2 a	4.2	3 30 a	0.8
Sun.	8	m 8 56	7.1	m 2 12	3.2
		10 49a	4.3	4 5 a	0.6
Mon.	9	m 9 32	7.1	m 2 52	3.1
		11 14a	4.4	4 39 a	0.8
Tues	10	m 10 6	7.0	m 3 31	3.0
		11 37a	4.3	5 12 a	0.9
Wed.	11	m 10 34	6.8	m 4 9	3.0
		11 58a	4.4	5 44 a	1.2
Thurs	12	m 11 3	6.5	m 4 48	3.0
				6 15 a	1.6

HONGKONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

			July 29; 1926.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
				Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛肉	lb.	34	24	12
„ Prime Cut		„	34	23	12
„ Corned	咸牛肉	„	—	23	12
„ Roast	燒牛肉	„	34	24	22
„ Breast	牛腩	„	30	20	18
„ Soup	湯肉	„	28	20	18
„ Steak	牛肉排	„	34	24	22
„ Steak Sirloin	牛柳	„	34	30	35
„ Sausages	牛腸	„	40	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
„ Tongue, fresh	牛腦	each	90	50	60
„ Tongue, corned	咸牛腦	„	—	60	—
„ Head	牛頭	„	$1.00	—	$1.20
„ Heart	牛心	lb.	24	13	14
„ Hump, Salt	牛肩	„	38	20	18
„ Feet	牛蹄	each	12	10	12
„ Kidneys	牛腰	„	15	10	12
„ Tail	牛尾	„	30	20	22
„ Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14
„ Tripe	牛肚	„	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭腳	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排骨	lb.	50	26	—
„ Leg	羊脾	„	50	26	—
„ Shoulder	羊手	„	48	24	—
„ Saddle	羊鞍肉	„	50	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	猪腸	„	28	—	27
„ Brains	猪腦	Per set	3	—	12
„ Feet	猪脚	lb.	22	15	—
„ Fry	猪什	„	28	15	18
„ Head	猪頭	„	22	20	—
„ Heart	猪心	each	15	10	10
„ Kidneys	猪腰	„	15	10	8
„ Liver	猪肝	lb.	50	30	24
Pork Chop	猪排骨	„	46	25	23
„ Leg	猪腿	„	46	—	—
„ Loin	猪扒	„	52	60	70
„ Fat or Lard	猪豬油	„	24	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭腳	per set	85	60	70
„ Heart	羊心	each	12	8	7
„ Kidneys	羊腰	„	15	12	10
„ Liver	羊肝	„	50	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳豬	lb.	25	25	22
Supt, Beef	鮮牛油	„	34	20	18
„ Mutton	鮮羊油	„	50	26	24
Veal	牛仔肉	„	36	20	19
„ Sausages	牛仔腸	„	40	20	20
„ „ No. 1..		„		—	—

Poultry.

			July 29; 1926.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
				Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	60	30	31
Capons, Small	線雞	„	55	28	30
Capons, Large	肥雞	„	60	28	30
Duck	鴨	„	50	22	21
Doves	斑鳩	each	—	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	24	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	„	30	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	$1.00	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	„	55	36	24
Geese	鵝	„	55	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	55	30	—
„ Hollow	海口鴿公	„	20	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	lb.	—	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	„	—	51	45
Snipe	沖山鴿	each	—	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	—	—	—
Quail	鶉	„	—	—	—
Partridges	鷓鴣	„	—	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鯰魚	lb.	35	19	24
Bream	鳳鯧魚	„	32	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish	塘魚(省城淡水鮮魚)	„	36	18	16
Carp	鯉魚	„	75	16	27
Catfish	鯰魚	„	32	12	9
Codfish	鱈魚	„	36	20	25
Crabs	蟹	„	45	23	26
Cuttle Fish	墨魚	„	20	16	2
Dab		„	30	23	16
Dace	黃尾肚	„	16	10	9
Dog Fish	鹽沙鱓	„	12	10	8
Eels, Conger	海鰻魚	„	40	16	—
„ Fresh Water	淡水	„	30	10	18
„ Yellow	黃田	„	50	26	30
Frogs	石鴨	„	$1.00	32	25
Garoupa	白鱠	„	80	40	30
Gudgeon	鴿魚	„	22	18	15
Herrings	白鯽	„	40	22	18
Halibut	豬婆	„	32	18	23
Labrus	單甲花魚	„	36	22	18
Lonch	烏魚	„	$1.20	22	24
Lobsters	龍蝦	„	75	32	21
Mackerel	芝鯖魚	„	26	20	26
Monk Fish	鮫魚	„	45	32	28
Mullet	鯔鮮魚	„	28	13	2
Oysters	蠔	„	30	16	22
Parrot Fish	鸚公魚	„	32	14	9
Perch	鱸班	„	36	20	15
Pike	花班	„	16	16	9
Plaice	黑白鰈	„	60	28	14
Pomfret, Black	黑鯧	„	48	26	20
Pomfret, White	白鯧	„	68	36	30
Prawns	明蝦	„	68	36	45
Ray	鱟狗	„	10	10	14
Rock Fish	石斑魚	„	28	13	18
Roach	馬沙	„	45	22	16
Salmon	鮭魚	„	80	36	30
Shark	鯊	„	10	8	10
Skate	鱟	„	16	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	„	75	26	35
Snapper	立魚	„	60	32	30
Soles	撻尤沙口	„	32	28	28
Tench	左魚	„	40	22	18
Turbot		„	42	18	12
Turtles, small, fr. water	龜	„	$1.20	40	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	55	35	—
Apples California	金山蘋果	„	26	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	燕山香蕉	„	7	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	„	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	12	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	14	7	—
Lemons (America)	金山檸檬	each	6	8	—
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	45	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	„	—	—	—
Oranges	橙	„	35	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	„	14	—	—
Peanuts	花生	„	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	„	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	„	4	3	4
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	18	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	16	—	15
Grapes	菩提子	„	—	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	朝芝竹	each	—	—	8
Beans, Sprout	芽菜	lb.	5	—	7
„ Long	青角	„	22	8	—
Beet Root	紅菜頭	each	2	8	8
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	lb.	7	—	—
Brinjals, Green	清瓜	„	9	5	9
„ Red	紅瓜	„	10	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	芥菜	„	9	5	12
„ (Shanghai)	滬菜	„	—	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	蘆筍	„	—	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜花	each	—	—	—
„ (Medium	中椰菜花	„	—	—	—
„ (Small)	細椰菜花	lb.	—	6	6
Carrots	金笋菜	„	9	6	6
Celery, Chinese	塘臭菜	„	16	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣椒干	„	8	25	5
„ Red	紅花辣椒	„	16	10	16
„ Green	青辣椒	„	10	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	咖喱材料	„	8	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	each	3	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	„	8	6	6
Ginger, Young	子薑	„	8	7	—
„ Old	老薑	„	10	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai	(辣)根	each	25	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	„	8	45	—
Lettuce	生菜	lb.	12	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	„	10	—	8
„ Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	„	16	—	3
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草菇	„	44	—	3
Okroes		„	16	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋葱頭	„	8	8	8
„ Green	生葱	„	6	4	6
„ Shanghai	上海葱頭	„	6	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	„	50	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	„	5	3	—
„ Japanese	日本薯仔	„	5	3	—
„ American	金山薯仔	„	6	8	10
Pumpkin	冬瓜	„	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔仔	„	5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大干黃	„	—	—	10
Shallots	干葱頭	„	10	8	—
Spinach	菠菜	„	8	4	—
Tomatoes	番茄	„	14	7	—
Taros	芋	„	8	6	—
Turnips, Punt (Long)	蘿蔔	„	8	4	—
Vegetable Marrow	節瓜	„	16	4	—
Water Cress	西洋菜	„	12	15	—
Water Lily Root	蓮	„	7	6	—

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AT THE QUEEN'S.

"MISS BLUEBEARD" TO-DAY.

Showing to-day at the Queen's Theatre is "Miss Bluebeard," featuring Bebe Daniels in a really joyous part. The tale revolves round a French civil wedding ceremony, performed by the mayor of a small town who has celebrated the nuptials prematurely with a bottle of cognac.

Miss Daniels plays the part of Colette, a French actress, bound for London on a holiday. The early scenes of the picture are shown in the compartment of a French train, where Colette makes impromptu acquaintance with a couple of young Britons, returning from Paris.

Details of the railway carriage, the small station where the train stops, and the mayor's office, are reproduced with scrupulous fidelity, and with the use of a panoramic background a striking illusion of a train in motion is produced.

The whole picture proceeds on farce lines, giving Frank Tuttle an opportunity to develop his theme with deft touches and swift action. Incidentally, it reveals Raymond Griffith at his hilarious best.

Robert Frazer has the leading male role, opposite Miss Daniels.

Others in the cast of the picture, which was adapted by Townsend Martin from the stage play, "Little Miss Bluebeard," by Avery Hopwood, are Kenneth MacKenna, Martha Madison, Diana Kane, Lawrence D'Orsay, Florence Billings, and Ivan Simpson.

AT THE STAR.

"TRAINER AND TEMPTRESS" TO-DAY.

"Trainer and Temptress," to be shown at the Star Theatre to-day, is a racing film produced in Britain from the story of Atty Pearse, the famous Stockbridge trainer, well-known to all followers of the "Sport of Kings" in the Homeland. Everything about the picture is technically correct and the story itself is a thriller. "The White Rider" deals with the nefarious activities of a Government recording agent in the foothills of the gold country, who endeavours to jump honest prospectors. A secret service agent is sent to the scene and, posing as a tenderfoot, exposes the cheater and wins the girl and wealth besides.

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE WANTERS" TO-DAY & TO-MORROW.

"The Wanters" is a high class comedy drama in which more than the usual number of beautiful stars appear. It will be screened at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow. It is a tale of society life with the plot hinging on the romantic elevation of a serving maid to a high place on the social register through marriage.

Poor all her life, Myra is a "wanter" of the most confirmed sort. To be near the luxuries she craves, she obtains a position as maid in the home of the Worthingtons. Young Worthington falls in love with her and when, following her, discharge, he brings her back home with him as his wife, she is met with their snobbish disdain and leaves the house. In the tragedy that follows she learns in the dramatic denouement that true happiness is never found through empty wanting.

In addition to Marie Prevost, the brilliant cast includes Robert Ellis, Norma Shearer, Gertrude Astor, Huntley Gordon, Richard Headrick, Lincoln Stedman, Lillian Langdon, and Louise Fazenda.

"The Wanters" was directed by John M. Stahl. The scenario, by J. G. Hawks and Paul Bern, was based on the story by the well-known novelist, Leila Burton Wells.

Shown in the same programme will be a Buster Keaton comedy entitled "The Frozen North," which is as entertaining as anything this immobile comedian has turned out.

"Education is not an accumulation of knowledge; it is an approach to life."—Dr. C. R. Myers.

"If as a citizen you do not exercise responsibility, your ability as a citizen will deteriorate."—Senator Bingham.

"There is a great need to-day for authors to write of normal persons."—Mrs. Emily Newell Blair.

"The playground is as important as the classroom."—The Rev. H. W. Hulbert.

ON EDUCATION.

A THOUGHT-PROVOKING BOOK.

[By Mr. Bertrand Russell.]

Mr. Bertrand Russell is generally recognised as an authority on Mathematical Philosophy, as a psychologist, and as the author of several works on political and social subjects. In this book ("On Education," Geo. Allen and Unwin, 6s.) he approaches the subject of education equipped with all the gifts and knowledge which have won him distinction in those spheres of thought, and, what is equally important, with the help that has been afforded him by close observation of his own children. He aims at avoiding controversial issues and polemics, and assumes in the parents and teachers whom he addresses a sincere desire for the welfare of children, and, as he says, "this alone, in conjunction with modern knowledge, suffices to decide a very large number of educational problems." The book is very readable. While avoiding rhetorical arts and embellishments Mr. Russell achieves the supreme merit of clarity. Another admirable feature of his style is its modesty and simplicity. He utters the most far-reaching and novel generalisations in the quiet tone of one who is quoting an axiom. At the same time he is prepared to support his generalisations with proof.

The Early Years.

Amongst the outstanding points upon which the author lays stress is that of the supreme importance of the early years of life. The first five or six years are still regarded by many people as beyond the scope of educational principles, and as a period of life when children may be left in the care of uneducated and unskilled persons. Mr. Russell is at one with modern psychologists in stressing the importance of even the first year of life from the point of view of the educator. The right moment to begin moral training, he says, is the moment of birth. At any later time the training will have to fight against contrary habits, and will consequently be met by resentful indignation. Commencing, then, at the beginning of life, Mr. Russell describes the methods he would use in the moral education of the infant, stage by stage. Educationists have found it repeatedly necessary during the past few years to protest against the assumption that the period of early infancy is of little importance in the scheme of education. This assumption obviously inspired not only Sir Eric Geddes and his colleagues but also, more recently, a certain Minister for Education. Mr. Russell's book shows conclusively the fallacy of that assumption. "The building up of character," he says, "ought to be nearly complete by the age of six."

Cast Out Fear!

The author deals ably with such sections of his subject as Affection, Sympathy, Truthfulness and so on. But perhaps the most valuable chapter is that on Fear. The gist of this chapter should be familiar to every person who has the care of children. The absence of fear, as Mr. Russell shows, is fundamental to a right conduct of one's personal life, one's social relations, and one's political associations. "Life is full of perils, but the wise man ignores those that are inevitable, and acts prudently but without emotion as regards those that can be avoided. . . . All fear is slavish." Mr. Russell's education would make of the child "a free citizen" of the universe" by the eradication of those fears that are instinctive, and the prevention of those which are due to the ignorance or the unwisdom or the deceit of parents and nurses.

The keynote of Mr. Russell's methods so far as the training of character is concerned is complete confidence between parent and child. This method he applies to every branch of education, including that of sex morality. The chapter on this subject advocates the full and complete answering of questions as they arise in a matter-of-fact and common-sense way.

Classical v. Modern Studies.

Mr. Russell's treatment of the "classical v. modern" controversy is brief but conclusive. He lays down the principle that, as a rule, it is better to supply the humanities in ways which do not involve the mastering of a difficult and extensive apparatus of learning. Where a difficult technique is indispensable to the mastering of a subject, he is of opinion that the subject itself should be useful. He would not therefore teach Latin and Greek except in a minority of cases. Modern languages are easily learned and they have valuable literatures. Such humanistic elements as world history, music, painting and architecture can be supplied without the enormous mass of preliminary work necessary to the study of Greek and Latin. The difficult part of education, in his opinion, should be confined, as a rule, to mathematics and science.

Mr. Russell's discussion on "intelligence" is penetrating. Admitting that the term properly signifies an aptitude for acquiring knowledge rather than knowledge already acquired, he points out that this aptitude cannot be acquired except by exercise; and that it is not possible, therefore, to train intelligence without imparting information. And since our modern complex world cannot subsist without intelligence the cultivation of intelligence must be regarded as one of the major purposes of education. In stressing this he asks for the fostering of open-mindedness—not the inculcation of beliefs.

Some of Mr. Russel's obiter dicta are striking, and here again the reasoning upon which they are based should receive attention, even if the conclusions are not accepted. Amongst them are the following:—

"No consideration on earth justifies a parent in telling lies to his child."

"The habit of employing celibate female teachers is quite wrong psychologically."

"Right discipline consists, not in external compulsion," but in habits of mind which lead spontaneously to desirable rather than undesirable activities."

When it is a fortnight old the child "is already a conservative—probably a more complete conservative than at any later time." "Sentimentality . . . exist."—The Schoolmaster and Woman Teacher's Chronicle."

NEW YORK PIERS.

H.A.L. AND THEIR ACQUISITION.

The arrival in New York of Dr. Cuno, managing director of the Hamburg-Amerika Line, has given rise to much speculation in the German press as to the object of his visit. A telegram from New York to the "Vossische Zeitung," says that while the negotiations in which Dr. Cuno is engaged are concerned with the abrogation of the contract existing between the Hamburg-Amerika Line and the Harriman Shipping Co. (United American Lines), and the taking over by the former of the three steamers Cleveland, Resolute, and Reliance, the more important question awaiting settlement, is the transfer to the Hapag of the piers at New York belonging to the United American Line, as to which numerous difficulties are being encountered.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" learns that the negotiations regarding the transfer of the steamers and piers have come to a standstill, because the usage of the piers by the Hamburg-Amerika Line is meeting with opposition on the part of the United States Shipping Board, and nothing more can be done until this opposition is removed. As the negotiations which have been going on for some time now with the Norddeutscher Lloyd must also be considerably influenced by the piers affair, it is only natural that the Hapag should make every effort to get the matter settled as quickly as possible. Dr. Cuno's visit to America, it is understood, has no immediate connection with the question of the release of German property siezed during the war.

The K.C.C. concert, which was to have been held on Saturday in the Club grounds, was postponed owing to the inclement weather.

HOW ACTRESSES KEEP THEIR GOOD LOOKS.

Many ladies envy their sisters of the theatrical profession, and wonder how it is that they retain the girlish freshness of complexion, the beaming eyes, and the vivacity of manner which most women lose soon after marriage if not before.

The secret is simple. It is that actresses take plenty of exercise, are careful as to diet, and pay due attention to the common-sense laws of health. That all women need, at certimes, a tonic medicine to build up the nerves and to assist nature in her work every actress recognises, and that is the reason why Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are so popular among them.

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A BIG CLAIM.

IRRIGATION CONTRACT. SEQUEL.

PHILIPPINES TO PAY.

Mr. J. B. Findlay, engineer and contractor, finally will get the P141,999.90 which he has been claiming as legally due him in addition to contract compensation for the construction of the Angat irrigation project in Bulacan, but which the Director of Public Works has refused to pay, says the Manila Bulletin. After the Governor General, sustaining the insular auditor, had decided to grant Mr. Findlay's claim, some doubt was raised how the money to settle the claim would be obtained, as the public works fund does not provide more than fixed contract compensation for the Angat project.

Funds are Available.

Mr. Ben F. Wright, insular auditor, declared that there are available in the insular treasury appropriated funds of approximately P8,000,000 with which Mr. Findlay's claim can be settled.

Governor-General Wood told Press representatives at Malacanan that he was asking the insular auditor to find out if there are any available funds in the treasury. If such funds exist, he explained, Mr. Williams will be instructed to draw up a warrant of P141,999.90 for Mr. Findlay; otherwise he would be asked to draw up a Bill requesting an appropriation of that amount from the Philippine Legislature.

Plans Were Modified.

Mr. Findlay made his claim for P141,999.90 against the bureau of public works as a result of his modification of plans for the Angat irrigation project and construction work in accordance with that modification. After the contract for the Angat project had been given to Mr. Findlay, A. D. Williams, director of public works, found the plans defective. Hence the modification. The settlement of the claim has been pending during the last several months, the contractor having first appealed over Mr. Williams' decision to the secretary of commerce and communications and later to the auditor and the governor general, who sustained him.

EAR CUT OFF.

SEVEN ASSAILANTS GIVEN 17 YEARS.

The sentence of 17 years and one day imprisonment on charges of illegal detention and serious physical injuries, handed down by a lower court to Pedro Caviat, David Mutua and five others, was confirmed on August 2 by the Supreme Court, Manila, reports the local Bulletin.

The seven men are alleged to have cut off the ear of Pio Montenegro, a high school teacher in the Lucena high school, Tayabas; because the latter had expressed himself as against Senate President Manuel Quezon.

On November 8, 1925, the teacher was forcibly carried away in an automobile to an uninhabited place in Sariaya, where he was bound to a tree, evidence showed. The seven men are alleged to have punished Pio Montenegro severely, after which they cut off one of his ears and left him helpless. However, it was not proved that the crime was committed as the result of the statement made against Mr. Quezon by the school teacher.

PUBLIC HEALTH WORK IN MALACCA.

A summary of the work of the Straits Settlements Rural Sanitation Campaign in Malacca during the second quarter of 1926, shows that much useful work has been done in the interests of public health. It is to be noted that the Government is offering a free examination and a free worm treatment to every person in rural Malacca. The Health Officer is prepared to assist in the abolition of nuisances and mosquito breeding and in the erection of sanitary latrines. This is an opportunity for every property owner, employer of labour, and department chief to have his subordinate personnel and coolies examined and treated for anæmia-producing worm infections, and to get his properties into a sanitary state with no nuisances, no mosquito breeding and no soil pollution.

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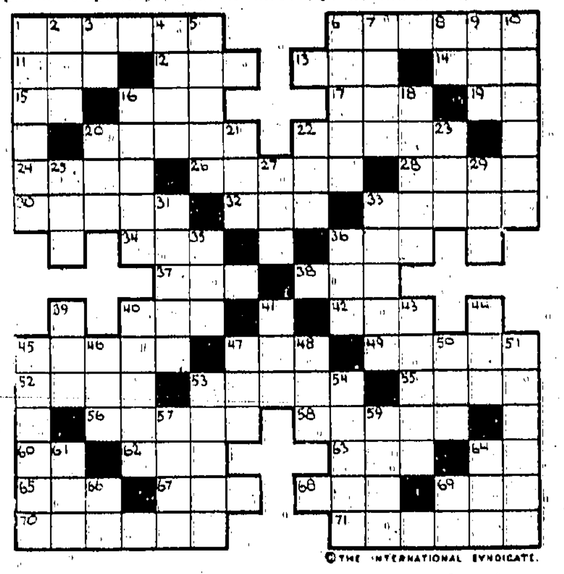
OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL
1—Nucleus; gist
6—To be in abundance
11—Sooner than
12—To swab
13—Scotch spelling of "small"
14—A bishop's office
15—One of the continents (abbr.)
16—Procure
17—Girl's name
19—Connected with
20—Conformity to fact
22—Befits
24—Pen-name of Chas. Lamb
26—Exterior
28—Suffix. Like
30—To glide
32—Conjunction
33—Capital of Idaho, U. S.
34—A country of Europe (abbr.)
36—Combining form. One
37—Shanty
38—The craw of a bird
40—Short for "gymnasium"
42—A measure of length
45—Precious stone
47—Wheeled vehicle
49—Deep lethargic sleep (Pathol.)
52—A great river, N. E. Asia

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
53—Lost color
55—To venture
56—An aromatic plant
58—Short and stout
60—Behold!
62—Girl's flower name (short)
63—To regret
64—A musical note
65—Superlative ending
67—A pine tree product
68—Beast of burden
69—Combining form. Air
70—Prefix. Pertaining to the day before the present
71—Abounded

VERTICAL
1—Doghouse
2—Time-period
3—Prefix. Back; again
4—Largest Australian bird
5—A parlor game
6—Love-affair
7—A town in S. E. Italy
8—Personal pronoun
9—Combining form. New
10—To pollute
18—Power of comprehension
18—A suffix of nouns of action
20—Friendly helpful hint

VERTICAL (Cont.)
21—Nickname of Boston, U. S.
22—Unyielding; obstinate
23—Science (abbr.)
25—Boy
27—Small cask
29—Request
31—A kind of alcohol
33—English tenpins
35—Product of certain trees
36—Girl's name
39—To shut in
40—Having a whirling motion
41—Prefix. Bad
43—A cabin
44—Preposition
45—One of the grains
48—To burnish
47—Western State of U. S. (abbr.)
48—A corded fabric
50—Wages
51—Esteem
53—Covered with hair.
54—Imperfect of "dare"
57—Location
59—Noted Italian actress
61—Suffix. Same as "ous"
64—Payment for service
66—"Till sale" (abbr.)
69—Exist

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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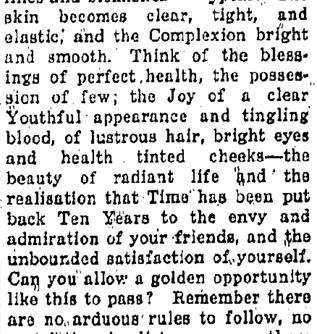

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PIRATES SHOOT ONE.

Captured by pirates in Chinese waters whilst rowing from their master's junk to another junk for provisions, three fokis have been released on payment of $90. A fourth foki, in attempting to escape, was killed."

The report has been made to the Water Police by the owner of trading junk No. T. 4780 H. The kidnapping took place over three weeks ago at a place called Tam Chau by about ten men in a sampan armed with rifles and revolvers.

The assistance of Chinese soldiers was obtained in searching for the pirates but without success. It was by an answer to a message from the pirates demanding ransom that the fokis were eventually released. The junk then resumed its voyage to Shek Kiu with its cargo of bricks, arriving back in Hongkong on Thursday.

SHIPS' LOSSES.

PHILIPPINES CHARGES TOO HIGH.

DISCOURAGING COMMERCE.

The committee appointed by the Philippine Shipowner's association to consider the tariff schedule for 1927 has decided to recommend maintenance of present rates. The scale of charges now in force is considered by local shippers, so high as to discourage coastwise commerce.

The committee, headed by Vicente Madrigal, and composed of William J. Ellis, and representatives of the Compania Maritima, Ynchausti and Company, Campania Tabacalera and Yu Biao Sontua, met last Friday, says the Manila Bulletin of August 3. Renewal of the present schedule soon will be requested of the public utility commissioner, it is expected.

Philippine shipowners maintain that inter-island freight charges cannot be reduced unless they accept heavy losses. They say that coastwise steamers now handle smaller cargoes than ever, have high operating expenses, and face navigation risks, because of the lack of protective shipping laws.

While shipowners do not oppose the opening of new ports of entry, which they say foster inter-island trade by acting as distributing centres, they are planning to protest against the special permits given to ocean-going vessels to call at ports that are not officially open. They say that as a result of such permits, local shipping companies suffer heavily.

BOAT CAPSIZES.

EXPERIENCE OF DUTCH OFFICERS.

Sergeant Hopes, of No. 3 Police Launch, reports that on Friday afternoon he found five Dutch officers whose row boat had capsized.

The officers belong to the s.s. "Tjisondari."

They were taken to Stonecutters'.

No information could be obtained as to where the officers were going nor how the boat capsized.

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PIONEERS OF SEA.

TRIP TO AMERICA 86 YEARS AGO.

THE FIRST CUNARD LINER.

July 3 was the 86th anniversary of the day on which the first Cunard liner, the Royal Mail Steamship Britannia, commanded by Captain Henry Woodruff, R.N., a man of "great experience in steam navigation," sailed from Liverpool for America. On July 20 the waters of the Boston harbour were lashed by the Britannia's paddles, and the possibility of regular trans-Atlantic steamship services was established for all time.

The Britannia was one of four sister ships built at Glasgow to the order of Mr. Samuel Cunard for a company then known as the British and North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company. It carried 63 passengers to America at a speed of 8½ knots on its first voyage.

An interesting contrast to this feat is presented by the fact that now there are 17 Cunard passenger liners at sea carrying no fewer than 12,000 passengers.

When the projected purpose of the Britannia's voyage became known the members of the great sailing ship firms of the day laughed more in pity than in derision. They recalled the prophecy, then world famous, of the "expert" professor, Dr. Dionysius Lardner, who in a lecture five years before had said: "It is perfectly chimerical to talk of making regular voyages across the Atlantic by steamer. You might as well talk of making a voyage to the moon."

Sceptics Confounded.

Nevertheless although three well known sailing vessels were able easily to outstrip the early Cunarders on the inward journey, their supremacy of speed when outward bound was never challenged. The President steamship, built by an opposition company, however, had an unpleasant fate. It sailed a few months after the Britannia for America and was never again heard of.

The official report of the Britannia's sailing is a curious document.

"On Friday morning the R.M.S. Britannia," it says, "this new and splendid steamship, the finest of Mr. Cunard's line of Royal Mail steamers, went into the river from the Coburg Dock and came to moorings off Birkenhead. Next forenoon she was ready for sea, her passengers embarking on board a river steamer at the Egremont slip, south end of the Princes Parade, and, as soon at the mail bags were ready, proceeded to the Britannia."

"Every arrangement being completed, shortly after one o'clock she steamed in gallant style down the river and proceeded to sea, the wind blowing strong from the S.S.W."

Link With Past.

The Britannia's passenger list is still preserved. It shows that there were among others on board the Bishop of Nova Scotia and family, the Earl of Caledon, Mr. Samuel Cunard and Miss Cunard, several military officers "and their ladies," and a number of American Consuls returning home.

The Britannia was a ship of 1,200 tons burden and of 440 horse power. The cabins were plainly and austerely decorated, and the fare from Liverpool to Halifax was 34 guineas and to Boston 28 guineas, "including provisions and wines."

The end of the Egremont slip, a piece of old stonework jutting out from under the bridge to the landing stage opposite the Royal Liver Building, can be seen to-day. It was from this point that the departure of the Britannia on her first voyage was witnessed by a certain Mr. Heatherington, who lived to see the Lusitania sail away on her maiden voyage on September 7, 1907. Mr. Heatherington's death occurred in 1917.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

The only arrivals of ships in port this morning, excluding regular river boats, were two each by the Chinese s.s. "Tak Hing" (106 tons) from Nam Tau and the "Sui Yik" (178 tons) from Sha-u-chung, both neighbouring Chinese ports.

Departures.

For Bangkok: Kingyuan.
For Shanghai: President Jackson.
For Singapore: Shirala, Suisang.
For Saigon: Mondego.

Clearance.

For Singapore: Hosang.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

British	19
American	3
Panama	1
German	1
Japanese	4
Chinese	9
Dutch	6
French	2
Portuguese	2
	47

SWATOW STRANDING.

On arrival here the O.S.K. "Kotsu Maru" reported that the Chinese s.s. "Tai Lee" (as distinct from the Hongkong-Kongmoon steamboat of the same name) was stranded on the Swatow Bar. The "Kotsu" left that port on Friday and came in on Saturday afternoon.

CONSIGNEES.

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PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

List of passengers departed per A. O. S.s. "President Jackson" for Seattle via Ports, on August 8:—

Mr. Geo. Findlay, Mr. E. Honig, Rev. J. B. Manley, Mr. H. A. Pwis, Mr. R. Verches, Mr. L. Dufetel, Mr. A. W. Koch, Mr. T. Morokuma, Mr. and Mrs. K. Suzuki, Mr. T. Suzuki, Mr. Y. Suzuki, Dr. C. Abona, Mr. O. S. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Elizalde, Mr. and Mrs. C. McNear, Mr. G. Velez, Mr. F. M. Yenko, Mr. D. Zavalla, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lamond, Miss Lamond, Mrs. B. Lankowsky, Mr. C. E. Koehler, Mrs. C. B. Armstrong, Master E. Armstrong, Master L. Lai, Mr. C. S. Wing, Mr. Chee Chan, Mrs. Ho, Miss Ho, Mrs. B. S. Fan, Miss S. T. Fan, Miss K. Y. Fan, Miss S. T. Fan, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fan, Miss Gertie Chan, Miss Kittie Fok, Mrs. Chan Kai-ming, Mrs. Shee Ko-fok, Master Oswald Chan, Mr. Cheung Yueh, Mr. S. W. Hee, Mr. C. W. Chong, Mr. J. A. Chun, Mr. Wong Sing-fai, Miss Wong Saw-on, Mr. Wong On-kui, Mrs. Wong Yeung-shi, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Ho Jew, Mr. Ho Yee, Mr. and Mrs. Tam Ping-chai, Mr. and Mrs. Dai Shung-sang, Mr. Fung Wui-on, Mr. W. S. Hanford, Mr. Lo Waichong, Mr. Lam Wing-yan, Mr. W. K. Ho, Mr. E. Dunbar, Mr. Geo. E. Clarke, Clarke, Miss Jean Clarke, Mr. Kwan Ho-yiu, Mr. Quan Hoiwah, Mr. J. W. Mayhew, Miss Shee L. Bue, Mr. Ng Ching, Mr. Lee Wing-lim, Mr. Wong Park-nam, Mr. Haw Fook, Mr. Ho Chok-hau, Mr. Chong King-yaw, Mr. Chong Sing pung, Mr. Poa Cheng-chi, Mr. Chan Bon, Mr. P. C. Woudsma, Mr. D. F. Hewett and Mrs. D. G. Strachan.

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Haiphong	LEESANG	Sun., 15th Aug., at 8 a.m.
Chinkiang via Shanghai	YUENSANG	Tues., 17th Aug., at Noon.
Tsingtau via Shanghai	KWONGSANG	Wed., 18th Aug., at Noon.
Osaka via S'hai, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Fri., 20th Aug., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHEONGSHING	Sun., 22nd Aug., at 7 a.m.
Haiphong	MINGSANG	Sun., 22nd Aug., at 8 a.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Tues., 24th Aug., at 2 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUMSANG	Tues., 24th Aug., at 3 p.m.
Tsingtau via Shanghai	HOPSANG	Wed., 25th Aug., at Noon
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Development Is Imperative.

It was never realised years ago what a tremendous growth would be registered by little, mudflatted Shanghai with its handful of traders. An expensive Commission has already decreed that the development of Shanghai's present shipping center is out of the question, and that the city must look elsewhere for room wherewith to increase shipping facilities, thereby giving a wonderful encouragement to trade and incidentally creating roads and railways and developing additional industrial and commercial centers, most of which would have to draw upon Shanghai for their own needs and advancement.

Shanghai is already feeling the need of a port worthy of its vast activities, and one which will meet all the requirements of economic variations. It must be a port that can be developed at the demand of every call of progress: industrial and commercial advancement. Too many defects impede the development of the present port. In fact there is, strictly speaking, no port of Shanghai, but only a narrow, tortuous river which even steamers of average tonnage find difficulty in navigating.

Proved experts like Mr. von Heidenstam, Engineer-in-Chief of the Whangpoo Conservancy Board, who has advocated many schemes for the extension of the harbour, and Mr. Sidney Powell who advocates the enormous advantages that Hangchow Bay possesses for the "ideal port of Shanghai," both realise the need for expansion.

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In the contemplation of such a development, many local interests will probably fight shy of the main features of the schemes put forward, one of their chief objections probably being that it would be a transference of the port to a point away from the Whangpoo (it is only 28 miles to the proposed deep water port on Hangchow Bay) and would result in local loss of trade for many years to come. They probably do not realise that such a move would be especially to their advantage in the long run, seeing that vast economic organisations would be set in motion and an important connecting link made between Shanghai and Hangchow Bay which, in years to come, will probably have developed into a port of such magnitude as Southampton or San Francisco—a transformation which could never be effected in Shanghai itself as a shipping center.

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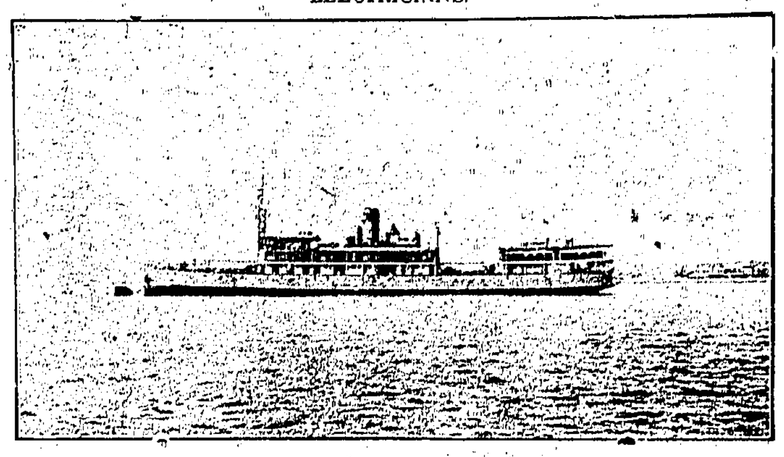

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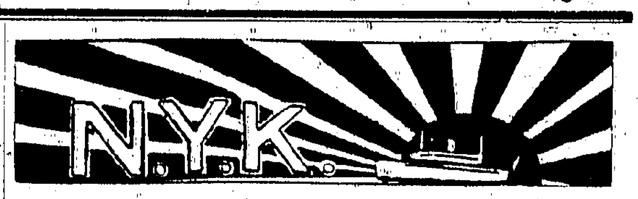

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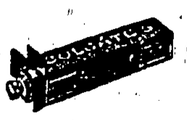

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BIRTH.

PAUL.—On July 28, 1926, at the Maternity Hospital, Singapore, to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Paul, a daughter.

DEATHS.

PARRY.—On June 26, at Colombo, on the way to England, Aimee Noelle Ann, daughter of H. A. Mervyn and Dorothy Parry of Bhutan Estate, Nilai, F.M.S., aged six months.

KOENIG.—On July 31, 1926, Captain Edward Henry, late of s.s. Toh Lam, at Djambi, aged 68.

Hongkong, Monday, August 9, 1926.

NOT IN THE PICTURE.

No more than an academic interest of scant degree will be taken here in the departure from London of the British delegation for the Empire Parliamentary Association Conference in Australia. And the same remark holds good concerning the Imperial Conference to be held in London in October. In regard to these two gatherings of Empire-wide importance the position of the Crown Colonies is worse than that of Cinderella.

The origin of the Imperial Conference may be traced to the presence in London in 1887 of the Premiers of the self-governing Dominions, representing their nations at the celebrations of the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Similar gatherings were held in 1897, 1902, 1907, and 1911, and in 1907 the title of "Colonial" Conference was changed to Imperial Conference. At the earlier meetings the Secretary of State for the Colonies presided, but with the change of title additional importance was given to the assembly by the assumption of the Presidency by the British Prime Minister. The Secretary of State for the Dominions and Colonies has invariably attended the Conference, but naturally Dominion as opposed to Colonial questions have ever been paramount and predominant.

With so much talk of solidarity and unity within the Empire, which even Mr. Arthur Henderson emphasised at the civic reception to the British delegation at Southampton on Saturday, is it not time that the Crown Colonies had "a place in the sun" at these Imperial Conferences? The presence of the Colonial Secretary in his capacity of Dominions Secretary is not sufficient. The Crown Colonies and Dependencies ought to be directly represented." Not that there is any fear of their interests otherwise being jeopardised. That is unthinkable. But, if it is to be truly a family gathering to consider Empire problems as a whole and not only of those of the Dominions it does not seem right that the Crown Colonies should be ignored. An invitation should be extended to the Governors of the Colonies to attend personally or by deputy. It would at the very least be an excellent opportunity for Empire propaganda. It would at least make the Crown Colonies feel that it is not only when the call to war comes that they are remembered by the Mother Country.

The same arguments hold good in regard to the Empire Parliamentary Association. There is, of course, no Parliaments in the Crown Colonies but there are Legislative Councils. These could well be represented at the Empire Parliamentary Association Conferences. Such representation would tend in some degree to dissipate a lot of that parochialism that exists in the Crown Colonies. It would induce a livelier interest in British Parliamentary institutions as a whole that could not but react favourably on the whole Empire. Why should Hongkong and other Crown Colonies always be left out of the picture?

OBITUARY.

MISSIONARY WORKER IN CANTON.

MRS. M. N. KERR.

After 53 years of missionary work in China, Mrs. Martha Noyes Kerr, of Canton, passed away at the Matilda Hospital, Hongkong, on Saturday, at the age of 86 years.

Under the American Presbyterian Mission, Mrs. Kerr for some years after her arrival in China, was a teacher and director in the True Light Seminary for Women and Girls, together with her sister, Miss Harriett Noyes.

Twenty-seven years ago, as the wife of Dr. J. G. Kerr, she helped in the foundation of the J. G. Kerr Hospital for the Insane in Canton and although her husband died a few years after its foundation Mrs. Kerr carried on with the work until last year when conditions in Canton made it impossible for her to remain there.

The remains of Mrs. Kerr will be taken to Canton to be laid to rest beside those of her husband and of her brother, the Rev. Henry V. Noyes, D.D. in the "White Cloud" cemetery.

THE WEATHER.

Until noon to-morrow the weather forecast is south east winds, moderate; cloudy, showery.

Rainfall for 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.27 inch. Total since January, 70.10 inches, against an average of 56.06 inches.

The Observatory in the forenoon report states that pressure has increased slightly from central China to N. Indo-China and also over N.E. Japan. It is nearly stationary elsewhere. A feeble anticyclone is central over the Loochoos. The depression over China and Indo-China is not so deep.

P.I. AGITATION.

INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT SHAKES EAST.

BOTH SIDES AIRED.

Williamstown, Massachusetts, Aug. 2.

Widely divergent views on the Philippine question were expressed by eminent international authorities participating in "Philippines day" under the auspices of the Williamstown Institute of Politics.

George H. Blakeslee, professor of history and international relations at Clark University, presided over the meeting in his capacity as leader of discusion on Far Eastern topics. He made an address in which he declared that the Filipinos' insistence on independence threatened grave consequences in the Orient. He said that "harmonious, efficient administration" in the islands was impossible so long as agitation in favour of separation from the United States continued.

Fairfield Bill Backed.

Dr. Stephen Pierce Duggan of New York, former member of the Monroe commission, supported the plan embodied in the Fairfield Bill authorising a plebiscite in the Philippines twenty years hence, on the issue of independence.

Pedro Guevara, Filipino resident commissioner in Washington, said "that if the United States was unwilling to grant the islands immediately freedom, "the American government should at least grant them the privilege of formulating their own constitution and conducting their own domestic affairs without interference."

Separation."

Vicente Villamin, Filipino writer and lecturer, recommended a status for the Philippines similar to that of Canada and Australia. He called this solution "independence without separation" and said that a majority of the Filipino leaders would be satisfied with this condition.

Sir Frederick Whyte, former president of the legislative assembly of India, made his second speech before the entire institute and argued that the final authority in India must always rest with Great Britain as the dominant power. He said that India would disintegrate and be torn by internal conflicts if England loosened her grip.—United Press.

"Independence Without

Williamstown, Mass., Aug. 2.

Pedro Guevara asserted that "in view of the pledge of the United States, the Philippines are entitled to independence." He said the mistrust between the Filipinos and the Americans was hindering the economic development of the islands.

Duggan Questions Ability.

Prof. Stephen P. Duggan of New York University, member of the Monroe Educational mission which made a survey of the schools of the Philippines last year, said the ability of the Filipinos to conduct their governmental affairs was open to debate. He said he favoured the Fairfield bill presented in the last congress providing that after twenty years the people of the Philippines vote on severing or retaining their connection with the United States.—Associated Press.

'QUAKE SHOCK.

THE EXPERIENCES OF MANILA.

NO CASUALTIES.

The Manila Bulletin of August 3 reports:—

An earthquake of considerable intensity which shook Manila yesterday afternoon at 1.03 o'clock had its centre in the Pacific Ocean north of Camarines Sur and Albay, the observatory has discovered. In those two provinces, and in the Catanduanes Islands, the shock was quite strong, but no casualties nor damages have been reported.

Ten Shocks Recorded.

Ten distinct shocks were recorded by the observatory instruments after the one big one. The last of the series occurred at 3.51.

The main one, which came while many Manilans were sitting at lunch, was distinctly felt. Electric light fixtures described unusual arcs, and wooden buildings creaked a bit.

Nagasaki, August 4. — Rajah Patrap, counsellor to the King of Afghanistan and a delegate to the Pan-Asiatic Congress, which has just closed in Nagasaki, cannot leave Osaka because he does not have a passport. The Rajah alleges that while he was passing through China British spies robbed him of some of his baggage containing his passport.

MEXICAN TROUBLE.

BANKERS URGE CALLES TO END FIGHT.

PEOPLE CUT RATION.

Mexico City, August 3.

Ten of the leading bankers in Mexico City called on President Calles to-day and urged immediate steps toward mediation of the government's quarrel with the Catholic church as the only means of preventing a nation-wide financial panic.

They informed the president that millions of pesos were being withdrawn from deposit banks for safekeeping and that, consequently, the financial situation was becoming more acute each day. They estimated that 50 per cent. of the deposits were in the hands of the church or directly controlled by the church.

Against Plebiscite Plan.

The pressure of the economic boycott instituted voluntarily by Catholics as a means of "passive resistance against the government's decrees, is beginning to be felt in all commercial lines. Catholics are purchasing only their actual requirements.

Official and public sentiment is apparently against the proposal to hold a plebiscite on the religious question. Discussion of this solution has almost died out.

It is reported in official circles, but not yet confirmed, that an American protestant clergyman was lynched by indignant citizens in Prapuato because he took the stand that the anti-religious decrees did not apply to protestants.

Archbishop Del Rio suspended the Reverend Maurice Calvo, attached to the basilica of Guadalupe, on the charge of attempting to conduct religious services in violation of the archbishop's pastoral letter.

Moderation is Counselled.

Mexico City, Aug. 3.

Counselled by the leaders to keep within the paths of peace and moderation, Mexico's Catholics continued to-day to pray for a solution of the problems resulting from the government's religious regulations and the withdrawal of priests from the churches.

The people in many parts of the country are buying only essentials as a protest, although the effects of the economic boycott fostered by the League for the Defence of Religious Liberty is not applicable in Mexico City.

Theatres and bull fights continue to draw the usual crowds.

Influential persons still are seeking to bring about informal exchanges between the Episcopate and the government, believing that an accord is yet possible. The government believes that danger of serious disorders has passed but armed forces are ready for an emergency.

Calmness is Praised.

Archbishop Del Rio and the Mexican Episcopate to-day addressed a letter to all Catholics expressing gratification at their attitude which has not been one of anger.

The courts continue to examine and release Catholic priests for failing to register with the municipal authorities.

Crowds of women at Guanajuato prevented the officials from sealing the Catholic church annexes, which the government ordered done throughout the country for the purpose of protecting the church property until the situation has been settled. The transfer continues of Catholic churches to municipality appointed citizens committees during the absence of the priests. This work is expected to be completed in a few days.

Six Reported Killed.

Nogales, Arizona, August 3.

The "Herald" says to-day that six people were killed and more than 100 injured in demonstrations in Mexico when the central government put into effect the order closing the churches.

Former President Obregon of Mexico in a statement to-day said he would support President Calles in his endeavour to enforce the new religious regulations. He said:

"High dignitaries of the Catholic churches provoked this conflict."

K. of C. in Protest.

Philadelphia, August 3.

James Flaherty, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, opened a meeting of the supreme council to-day with a speech denouncing the Mexican government for its anti-religious policy and declaring that the Knights of Columbus were a unit opposing this policy. It is expected that the council will adopt resolutions putting the organisation on record with reference to Mexico.—"United Press."

Washington, August 3.—The embargo on exports of non-military aircraft to Mexico was lifted today by the secretary of state, Frank B. Kellogg. The treasury department warned customs agents that the ruling did not apply to aircraft intended for hostile purposes or aircraft of military type.—"Associated Press."

PAN ASIATIC FLAG.

"WESTERN IMPERIALISM" SCORED AT CONFERENCE.

WOULD ASSIST P.I.

Nagasaki, August 2.

The second day's session of the Pan-Asiatic conference was marked by several bitter denunciations of "western imperialism." Speakers promised to work for a Pan-Asiatic flag, a language which might be used as a common vehicle of communication, an Asiatic university and other innovations based on the idea of Asiatic unity.

A speaker for the Philippines named Verzosa told the conference that the Pan-Asiatic movement would greatly assist the Filipinos in obtaining independence. The speaker did not express any sentiments which could be construed as an attack on the United States.

The following countries are represented in the meeting by delegations ranging from one to twenty: China (Peking Shanghai, Canton, Dairen, Hankow and other places) India, Japan, the Philippines, Afghanistan, Annam, Turkey, Mongolia, Siam, Malaya.

Shanghai, August 2.

About 1,000 Hindus held a meeting here last night to pass a resolution supporting the Pan-Asiatic Congress which is being held at Nagasaki. Leaders of the Indian community here delivered eloquent addresses urging the solution of the Indian problem and asking for more liberal laws for their country with a view to bringing about greater autonomy.

LOOKING AHEAD.

ISLANDS SHOULD BE AUTONOMOUS.

Williamstown, Mass., Aug. 3.

A "Philippine Free State" with a dominion status similar to that of the commonwealths of Australia and Canada was recommended as a permanent solution for the Philippine problem by Charles Batchelder, former chief of the forestry division of the department of commerce, in an address before the Institute of Politics.

He believed that the Philippines would achieve "a satisfactory place in the family of nations" on this basis, particularly if the United States should become a member of the league of nations. In this case, he said, the Filipinos would be entitled to a representative in the assembly just as each British dominion is now represented.

For Protectorate Plan.

He also suggested that American sovereignty in the Philippines should take the form of a protectorate with a Filipino governor and a cabinet entirely responsible to the legislature. Under these circumstances, he pointed out, it would be advisable to create a commission of appeal empowered to arbitrate disagreements between American and Filipino officials. He expressed confidence that the Filipinos would be contented with such an arrangement.

Norbert Lyons of the American chamber of commerce mission to the United States, followed Dr. Batchelder and argued that permanent retention of the islands by the United States was the only way to free America from dependenced on British rubber, Brazilian coffee and other national monopolies. Separation from the United States, he said, would result in the economic ruin of the islands and possibly, their political ruin.

Judge Santos Heard.

Judge Jose Abad Santos delivered one of the principal addresses on the subject, "International Aspects of the Philippine Question." He said that the Phillippines, if granted independence, would accord the United States all rights necessary to safeguard her special interests in the islands "including a special treaty permitting her to maintain a suitable naval base."

He was confident that the Philippine government, in the event of independence, would be willing to grant compensation for American officials and employees who would be discharged or retired.

"As soon as the Philippines are given independence," said Judge Santos, "and their new status recognised by the powers, we shall make application for membership in the league of nations. It is fair to assume that the Philippines would receive the same treatment as is already accorded Cuba, Haiti and Irish Free State."

He urged that the United States government authorise the Philippine legislature to call a convention for the purpose of framing a tentative constitution, guaranteeing religious tolerance and economic security.—United Press.

FOOCHOW OUTRAGE.

GERMAN SHACKLED THROUGH STREETS.

AN ARMS DEAL SEQUEL.

Foochow, Aug. 7.

Mr. Otto Heinsohn, a German employed since March as a tea man in the American firm of Brewster and Company, has been arrested without a warrant under orders of the Fukien Tupan. Mr. Heinsohn was taken shackled through the principal streets of Foochow and thrown into the common military prison.

The cause of arrest is believed to be that Heinsohn was once employed by Wilhelm Pfeng who left Foochow last September after receiving from the Tupan a considerable sum for the purchase of arms and munitions which Pfeng was unable to deliver owing to the refusal of the German Government to permit export without a permit from the Central Government which the Tupan could not obtain.

It is believed that Heinsohn knew nothing of the arms deal, being solely Pfeng's tea man. It is understood that the Tupan refuses to release Heinsohn even on bail till the latter signs a bond to reimburse the Tupan the amount advanced to Pfeng or delivers the arms.

The civil authorities are powerless to grant Heinsohn his fundamental legal rights. The prisoner must supply his own food and other necessities.—Reuter.

HEAVY FIRE.

KUOMINCHUN ATTACKS REPULSED.

Peking, Aug. 7.

Heavy gunfire was heard in Peking this morning and afternoon. The Chinese military officials assert that the Kuominchun were making a counter-attack with a view to covering their retirement from Nankou for Yenching.

This morning's attacks were repulsed but the Kuominchun renewed the assaults this afternoon. Fighting continues.—Reuter.

Unconfirmed Report.

Peking, Aug. 8.

It is unofficially stated in military circles this morning that news has been received to the effect that Nankow Pass was captured by the Fengtien and Allied troops at 9 p.m. yesterday; but no official confirmation, so far, is forthcoming.—Reuter.

Canton's Communique.

The Canton Information Bureau has issued the following communique through Reuter:—

Canton, Aug. 7.

The General Staff at the front have telegraphed to the Nationalist Government reporting the defeat of Wu Pei-fu's troops under Ho Yao-tso on the Changteh front, North Hunan. The enemy retreated northward to Kung Yan-hsien and Shih Shao-hsien pursued by Nationalist forces.

The message from Hankow reporting the Kuominchun's defeat at Nankou near Peking is categorically denied here. The Kuominchun inform the Nationalist Government that Wu Pei-fu's motley troops cannot dislodge them from their mountain position.

Raising War Funds.

Canton, Aug. 7.

A Canton Information Bureau communique states that a monster demonstration is to be held to-morrow against a resumption of the Peking special tariff conference, which is viewed as a special fiscal method for raising war funds for Peking against the Nationalist cause.

EDITOR'S ARREST.

ANOTHER EDITOR'S WIFE ARRESTED.

Shanghai, Aug. 7.

Cheng Sheh-wo, a graduate of Peking University, editor of the "Shih Chieh Jih Pao," was arrested this morning on an unknown charge.

An order for arrest was also issued by the Commandant of the Peking Gendarmerie against Cheng Chi-an, editor of the "Min Li Wan Pao," but the latter had previously left Peking. It is understood that the police have since arrested Cheng Chi-an's wife in his stead.—Reuter.

NORWAY'S SILVER.

Kongsberg, August 8.

Norway has eight tons of pure silver, worth three quarter of a million kroner, which she is sending from the mines here to Britain. —Reuter.

A heavy downpour on Saturday afternoon considerably interfered with outdoor sport.

IN THE BALKANS.

"PEACEABLE END TO DISPUTE?

ADVICE APPRECIATED.

Rugby, Aug. 8.

The newspapers state that the advice tendered in Sofia and Belgrade, not only by Great Britain but by France and Italy, has been well received, and that there is now less likelihood of the dispute which has arisen between Yugo-Slavia and Bulgaria over the Kriva Palanka incident developing unfavourably.—British Wireless Service.

SYMBOLIC FIRE.

PICTURESQUE Y.M.C.A. CEREMONY.

CONGRESS CONCLUDES.

Helsingfors, Aug. 7.

An impressive ceremony marked the conclusion of the Y.M.C.A. Congress when 250 boy delegates assembled with flags around a huge bonfire symbolical of the fire of friendship. National representatives threw offerings thereon, Australia contributing wool, Asia rice and Africa cotton. Twenty-seven representatives then briefly addressed the gathering after which the boys lit torches and gave the pledge "I leave this fire with a vision of the great Christian fellowship, conscious of differences but resolved to love." The ceremony concluded with the recital of the Lord's Prayer.—Reuter.

U.S. RAILWAYS.

MOST PROSPEROUS HALF YEAR ON RECORD.

REMARKABLE FIGURES.

New York, August 7.

The American railways were more prosperous in the first half of 1926 than in any similar period in their history, accumulating profits of nearly half a billion dollars.

If the same ratio of increase is maintained throughout the year, which depends largely on the crop movement, the profits for 1926, according to the Bureau of Railway Economics should be about $1,200,000,000, compared with $1,135,000,000, in 1925. The last six months, in consequence of heavy Autumn traffic, is expected to contribute 58 per cent. of the total.—Reuter.

MONGOLIA.

SOVIET RUSSIA PLANS PROBE.

ECONOMIC POSSIBILITIES.

Harbin, August 1.

The Academy of Soviet Russia has announced the organisation of six parties to investigate the economic possibilities of Mongolia. One will be charged with obtaining geological data, another will make a study of archeological conditions in western Mongolia and Wuliang-hai and the others will make purely economic investigations in central and eastern Mongolia.

According to present plans all expeditions will be on their way by the middle of October.

RAILWAY DEBTS.

PEKING-MUKDEN LINE BANKRUPT.

Shanghai, Aug. 7.

The "N.-C. Daily News" Peking correspondent states the Peking-Mukden Railway has been declared bankrupt by firms dealing in materials and supplies.

The railway is in the market for $1,200,000 worth of steel rails, but no Bank will guarantee payment, as the last coupons were only paid by defaulting on promised payments for oil and other supplies.

The correspondent adds that the Railway's debts in April were $10,000,000 and are now approaching $12,000,000.—Reuter.

GERMAN TRADE.

REMARKABLE RECOVERY THIS YEAR.

Berlin, August 8.

The remarkable post-war recovery of German trade is demonstrated by the fact that exports for the first six months of 1926 are only 280 million marks lower than for the corresponding period of 1913. Exports for the past six months totalled 4,768,000 marks and imports 4,232,000 marks.

It is semi-officially pointed out that although the figures indicate considerable improvement in the economic position of the population, there has been no advantage, even from the most favourable active trade balance, in view of the obligations and losses in connection with the Versailles Treaty.—Reuter.

ASIATIC PARLEY.

JAPANESE DELEGATE'S THREAT.

A CHINESE RESOLUTION.

Nagasaki, August 1.

The Pan-Asiatic conference opened to-day with 50 delegates present from Japan, China, India and the Philippine Islands. The conference attempted little outside interest, except from the police who watched the assemblage closely to prevent anti-western speeches.

The conference was nearly broken up when a Chinese delegate offered a resolution for Japan to abolish the treaty based on the 21 demands made in 1915, and also the abolition of the uni-lateral treaties as a first step to establish Asiatic amity. The Japanese threatened to withdraw from the conference, so the resolution was tabled.—Associated Press.

Interest in America.

Washington, August 1.

The Pan-Asiatic Conference which opened to-day in Nagasaki, Japan, is arousing considerable discussion in official and diplomatic circles, in spite of the fact that messages from Tokyo indicate that the meeting is not receiving attention in Japanese, Chinese or any other government quarters.

Considerable news relating to the conference has been published in American papers during the past week, but there has been no accurate information as to the strength and purposes of the movement. There is considerable speculation, therefore whether it is a futile gesture or the forerunner of effective Asiatic alliance designed to weaken European and American influence in the Orient.—United Press.

"NO VISITORS."

A FRENCH NEWSPAPER'S OUTCRY.

EMPTYING THE SHOPS.

Paris, August 7.

The recovery of the franc has practically ended the isolated cases of mobbing and hooting of tourists, but protests against the manner in which visitors (especially British) are alleged to be making a clean sweep of every kind of commodity continue.

A writer in "Le Journal" remarks that the enemy devastated ten Departments, but that is no reason why our ex-Allies should remove what is in others.

A small steamer with visitors from Guernsey emptied in a few hours all the shops in Cherbourg, the shopkeepers not realising that they have to pay double for new stock. The writer urges taxation on foreigners entering France.—Reuter.

Francs in London.

London, August 7.

The closing rate of francs was:—French 161¾; Belgian, 171¾.—Reuter.

Raid on Undesirables.

Paris, August 1.

In an effort to drive out undesirable foreigners, gendarmes raided dozens of cafes in the 4th and 12th arrondisements and arrested 44 persons charged with failure to provide themselves with identification cards.

The 4th and 12th arrondisements are inhabited mostly by Poles, Italians and other European foreigners and the police questioned more than 450.—"United Press."

BARON'S ARREST.

SEQUEL TO WIFE'S DEATH.

POLICE DISCOVERY.

Miami (Florida), August 1.

Baron Royce Garrett, former Russian nobleman, was taken into custody to-day for questioning in connection with what is believed to be the suicide of his wife, who on Friday leaped to her death from the 18th flour of the Everglade Hotel.

The police found the baron in a thicket near a suburban railroad station where it was alleged he was attempting to hang himself with a piece of twine.—Associated Press.

COTTON TRADE.

BIGGEST SCHEME IN CO-OPERATION.

MINIMUM SELLING PRICES.

Manchester, August 7.

A scheme, which is described as the biggest yet made in the co-operation of master cotton spinners, was launched at a meeting in Manchester.

A substantial majority of the spinners decided to form a new Association in the American section to fix minimum selling prices and impose penalties for a breach.—Reuter.

HEMMED IN.

FATE OF FOREIGNERS AT TALUNGFU.

COMMUNICATION CUT-OFF.

Peking, August 1.

Foreigners living at Talungfu which is defended by the Shansi forces against the Kuominchun are not permitted to leave the beleaguered city, in spite of the efforts of the American Consul Mr. Edwin F. Stanton to effect their release. They have been out of communication with the outside world for fifty days, but are reported to be safe with sufficient food.

Dispatches from Kalgan say the foreigners are living in dugouts on account of the almost continuous bombardment. Upon request of the English mission, American Consul Stanton proceeded to Tatung, but was informed that the foreigners would not be allowed to depart without the express permission of General Yen Hsi-nan of Shansituan. —Associated Press.

MEXICO'S LAWS.

NEW AMERICAN NOTE DELIVERED.

CONTENTS NOT DISCLOSED.

Mexico City, August 7.

The American Ambassador, Mr. James R. Sheffield, has delivered a new Note to the Mexican Foreign Office in reference to the new Petroleum and Land Laws.—Reuter.

VIGAN SEA-WALL.

PROJECT COST PHILIPPINES P.70,000.

Vigan, Ilocos Sur, August 2.

The Cobantes sea-wall between Vigan and Bantay, constructed by Antonio Rivero, was turned over to the Government on July 29. The project was received for the Government by Marcial Kasilag, chief of the construction division of the bureau of public works, and Division Engineer Errans, both of whom had come to inspect the project.

The Government spent P70,000 in the construction of the wall, without counting the gravel that was used to complete the project to make traffic possible. Traffic was opened on Friday, but the heavy rains which fell that day caused two big pools on the east side of the wall, compelling the Government to spend one hundred pesos more for repairs.—National News Service.

FOREST FIRES.

SWEEP IDAHO AND MONTANA.

Washington, Aug. 1.

Forest fires in Northern Idaho and Montana are beyond control and are sweeping through great areas of valuable timber.

It was stated to-day that the fires already had burned over from 175,000 to 200,000 acres of national forests.

Acting Government Forester Kneipp stated that the situation was as serious as at any time on record.—Associated Press.

WANTS ARMS.

PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT UNEASY.

Lisbon, Aug. 1.

With rumours of another revolutionary movement circulating more and more persistently, the Government ordered that all privately owned arms and explosives be surrendered within forty hours to the nearest military headquarters.

The present regime has held the reins for almost a month.—United Press.

RUBBER IN INDIA.

EUROPEAN CAPITALISTS COMBINE.

Calcutta, Aug. 1.

It is learned in local financial circles that a large European syndicate has been formed or is in the process of formation, for the purpose of developing the production of rubber in several regions of India.

It is understood here that most of the capital is British. A total of 6,000 acres already has been planted in various localities for experimental purposes. After the first year it will be possible to determine where the climate and soil are most suitable.—United Press.

A TRUCE?

POSITION OF CATHOLICS IN MEXICO.

POLICY OF CALLES.

Mexico City, Aug. 1.

A willingness to enter into a truce with the Mexican government for a reasonable length of time until, by means of a national plebiscite, the Mexican people may express themselves concerning the religions controversy was expressed to-day in an exclusive statement to The Associated Press by a Mexican known to be close to the church authorities.

Meanwhile, the statement proposes, the religious regulations and the "entire religious persecution" are to be suspended.

President Calles, Secretary of Labour Morones, cabinet members, high military and other officials, reviewed a labour parade from the balcony of the palace. The paraders cheered President Calles as they passed the reviewing stand.

It was estimated that upwards of 15,000 marched in the parade.—Associated Press.

An Explanation.

Washington, August 1.

An explanation of Mexico's religious policy, was made to-day in a statement by the Mexican charge d'affaires. He said when the church held powerful political sway in Mexico it never had represented constructive power for the people, and that it was an erroneous idea for Americans to judge the church in Mexico by the church standard in the United States.

For the Masses.

He declared that the policy of President Calles of Mexico was a continuation of the one that promoted the reform in the middle of the 19th century which gave the country its Magna Charta. He asserted that the country is now passing through a creative period and is seeking to spread knowledge among the lower classes, improve agriculture, build roads and irrigation projects, improve the condition of the poor, and place the country in a producing state.

He further declared:

"The rich minority rested on the wretched condition of the poor majority in the past." He said the situation was understood at home.

He declared that President Calles desires to make it clear to others that he is anxious for the people to enjoy better conditions of life. He said the obstructive and reactionary elements were instigated by the church and consequently President Calles answered by putting into force the laws already extant which have not been put in force through the toleration of the Government.

Stop to Pray.

Mexico City, August 1.

Dawn of the first day of the Government's anti-religious decrees found armed troops guarding the entrances of all churches in the capital. They also line the route of the great federation of labour parade announced for to-day.

The city streets are quiet and all churches are almost deserted except the Cathedral. A large number of persons are passing in and out of the latter building, pausing inside for prayer. In some of the other churches, small groups of men and women are attempting to conduct their own services.—United Press.

Troops Mobilised.

Brownsville, Texas, August 1.

Mexican troops in Matamoras, across the border from here, are mobilised and in readiness for revolutionary movements if any appear in the open. The district, however, is quiet and is expected to remain so.—United Press.

Flee from Mexico.

San Antonio, Texas, August 1.

More than 400 nuns and a large number of priests arrived here as refugees, from Mexico and will be cared for by a committee of local Catholic priests and laymen.

The parochial officials have been requested to prepare housing for the refugees whose number will probably be greatly increased by arrivals to-day. The nuns reported that they had not been molested while trying to escape from the country.—United Press.

Pray for Mexico.

Rome, August 1.

By the express desire of the Pope the entire day at the Vatican was devoted to meditation, and prayer on behalf of Mexico. There were no ceremonies, all audiences and receptions having been countermanded. Prayers for Mexico recited in all churches of Italy were largely attended.—United Press.

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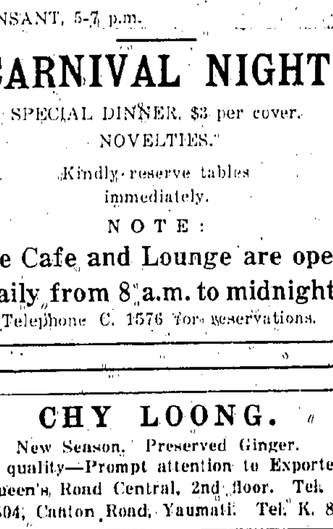

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

No evidence was forthcoming against a Chinese who was arrested at Yaumati recently on a charge of unlawful possession of twelve pistols and seven revolvers. Det.-Inspector Pincott asked permission to withdraw the case at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday, and the man was accordingly discharged.

Smoke coming from the cargo hold of the s.s. "President Jackson" on the voyage from Manila to Hongkong led to an investigation and the discovery of three young Filipino stowaways endeavouring to cook a meal. They were handed over to the Police on arrival here and sentenced at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday to three weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

Forthcawl, June 26.—Mr. E. L. Dowding and a party of friends from Llatram, after picnicking at Sker, went for a bathe, leaving the picnic basket under a tree. When they returned they found that a child, about nine months old, had been placed in the basket. There was no name on its clothing. In one shoe was a 2s. piece. Efforts are being made to trace the parents. In the meantime Mrs Dowding is looking after the child.

Allahabad, July 24.—Private despatches from the Kumaon hills indicate that the monsoon is very active. The whole district has been swept by a phenomenally heavy rainfall, 20 inches being recorded in 48 hours. The streams are now raging torrents, landslides and washaways rendering communications impossible. The bunds have been destroyed, bridges swept off and the hillside villages demolished. The casualties are unknown at present, but most of the fruit and other estates have severely suffered. Nainital is partially cut off from the plains.

Tokyo, July 31.—Japan is to have an industrial congress in which business men will sit as representatives. With a view to promoting closer trade relations with the South Seas and India, the conference will view all sides of Japan's world-wide commerce programme. The Foreign Office is calling the congress and the business men who attend will, for 10 days, occupy seats in the House of Representatives and have power to vote on every item of this world programme. The conference opens on September 21.

A Chinese was sentenced to six months' hard labour by the Kowloon Magistrate on Saturday for kidnapping a small boy, who was alleged to have been taken to Shumchun where he was found.

Shanghai, July 21.—An agreement is reported to have been reached between General Chow Yin-jen of Fukien and General Ho Yin-chin of Swatow, whereby the district of Shaoan in Fukien is to be marked out as buffer state and neither side is to attack the other.

Peking, July 29.—At the Cabinet office to-day it was given out that a telegram had been received from Marshal Wu by Premier Tu Hsi-kuei stating that there may still be the possibility of floating a $20,000,000 "Reorganisation Loan," using the customs money as security. How this loan is to be raised, whether inside China or through foreign financial institutions, is not made clear by government announcement.

Although only fifteen, a Chinese boy who came before the Kowloon Magistrate on Saturday had already been convicted there on five previous occasions. Evidence was given that on the occasion which led to his sixth appearance he attempted to pick the pocket of a member of the audience during a performance at a theatrical matshed at Hunghom. The alarm was given and defendant escaped from the matshed only to run into the arms of Sub-Inspector Clark. Mr. J. H. B. Nihill ordered the defendant to receive twelve strokes of the birch and to be placed under Police supervision for two years.

In accordance with his wish that his last resting place should be amongst those for whom he had worked and died, the body of the Rev. Father E. L. Conrardy, founder of the leper settlement at Sheklung, was exhumed at the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Saturday morning in order that it might be taken to Sheklung for re-interment. The exhumation ceremony was performed by Bishop Valtorta, the Rev. Father Deswazieres (the present head of the Sheklung leper settlement) and the Fathers of various Missions. Father Conrardy, who was a Belgian, died twelve years ago after seven years spent in alleviating the lot of lepers in South China. At Saturday's ceremony the Belgian Consul General, Mr. J. Clement, was present.

One offer of $2,500 was made for the steam launch "Chinese Prince" when put up for auction by Mr. L. E. Lammert on Saturday. This was below the reserve price and as there were no advances the launch was withdrawn. It was formerly the "Kee Cheong" when owned by Shewan Tomes and Co., Ltd. Dimensions are: Length 41 feet; width 10.4 feet; depth 7.2 feet; gross tonnage 27½; net tonnage 18.7 tons. She is licensed to carry 73 passengers. She is fitted with marine return tube type boiler five feet 4 inches in diameter by six feet nine inches long. Her working pressure is 120 pounds.

The largest snake at present at the London Zoo is a reticulated python measuring 27 ft.—an unwieldy and malicious pet, presented to the Prince of Wales by the Federated Malay States on the occasion of his visit to the Far East in 1922. The moving of such giant snakes is no easy task, and the services of at least fifteen non-panicky men are required when dealing with this specimen. Keepers are disposed at intervals of a foot or two, like firemen on a hose, the larger number being assigned positions on the tail.

Berlin, July 31. — The Saar Basin, in which French troops are stationed to enforce the payment of reparations in coal, wants a stabilised currency. A petition to that effect has been sent to the League of Nations. The claim is made that the Bank of France has insisted on treating the Saar sector as foreign territory and has refused to give it the credits necessary because of the devaluation of the franc. Under the peace treaty, France has absolute control of the Saar and the currency is all French.

The Chinese police are now in the habit of sending plain clothes detectives into the Settlement, Shanghai, in order to lay before their chief, Gen. Yen Chun-yang, full reports of conditions and events in this territory. In this the Chinese state that they are doing no more than imitate the methods of the Settlement police, who, it is well known, have their own men in Chinese territory to keep track of local industrial events. It naturally follows that events outside the Settlement have a close relationship to what goes on inside and vice versa. Hence no reasonable objection can be raised to this procedure by either side.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Trenton, New Jersey, July 22.—W.A. Roebling, builder of the famous Brooklyn Bridge, died at his home here to-day. He was 89 years old, and widely known as an engineer.

Tokyo, July 26.—It is announced that Rear-Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Chief of Naval Education, has been appointed Vice-Chief of the Naval General staff, succeeding Vice-Admiral Shichigoro Saito, who died on July 23.

"General" Booth of the Salvation Army is to arrive at Yokohama via Canada on October 11. According to "Major-General" Yamamuro, the General, in his three weeks' sojourn in Japan is to lecture in Tokyo, Sendai Nagoya, Kyoto, Osaka, Okayama and Fukuoka and take a week's trip to Korea.

Berlin, July 27.—For the first time in the history of Prussia lectures on peace are to be given in Kiel University. The Government has appointed Professor Schuecking to give a course at the autumnal semester on "Historical Development of the International Peace Movement."

The Governor-General of Indo-China and three Resident Superiors are expected to arrive in Bangkok about the middle of this month, as guests of the Siamese Government. During their stay, which is expected to last for a week or ten days, it is understood they will be entertained by the King, the French Legation, and the Alliance Francaise. Comte de Sercey will leave Bangkok for Indo-China and will accompany the distinguished visitors to Bangkok.

Major-General R. S. St. John, recently promoted, is appointed to take over the Bangalore Brigade Area in succession to Colonel H. W. Jackson, who has held it since May, 1923. He joined the Indian Staff Corps as an unattached second-lieutenant in 1897, and saw service in China. In fact he was stationed in Hongkong just a few years ago. During the war he was Assistant-Quartermaster-General of the Indian Expeditionary Force, Embarkation Commandant, India, and in command of the Administration Base. For his administrative work he received the C.I.E.

Dr. Violet Comber, M.B., B.Sc., who has been appointed resident medical officer at Willesden Municipal Hospital, was a nurse at that institution six years ago. A pupil at a Willesden elementary school, she obtained her medical training by winning scholarships and exhibitions.

H.I.H. Princess Atsuko, second daughter of H.I.H. Prince Fushimi, is to be married to Count Kiyosu this autumn. The princess is now 21 years of age and an honour graduate of the Pegresses' school. Count Kiyosu is a graduate of the Science Course of the Tokyo Imperial University. His mansion at Kojimachi will be completed in the early part of September.

Moscow, July 27.—Whether the expulsion of M. Zinovieff from the Russian Communist Council is to be permanent will depend entirely upon the influence of Trotsky and the report to be made by Rakowski after his return from Paris. Should Zinovieff be re-instated it will be a victory for that faction in the party seeking to conciliate capitalistic nations.

Miss Margaret Bondfield, whose election for Wallsend is announced by Reuter, was the first woman to hold office in a British Government. She began her career as assistant secretary of the Shop Assistants' Union, was the first woman delegate to the Trades Union Congress in 1899, rising to be President of the Congress in 1922. She became a Member of Parliament in December, 1923, after being defeated at Northampton. Miss Bondfield won considerable kudos as Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Labour.

London, July 27.—The "Times" to-day, in referring editorially to the unpleasantness which has arisen over the utterance of Andrew Mellon, treasurer of the United States, on the British war debt issue, declared that the caustic comment in the British press and the flat denial of Mellon's charges by Winston Churchill, have all been necessary. The "Times" holds that it is necessary from time to time to let the people of the United States know exactly the trend of British opinion on vital matters affecting both nations.

Gustav Lindenthal, architect and engineer of the Hell Gate Bridge, will receive the degree of doctor of engineering from the Polytechnic School of Vienna. The distinction is infrequently bestowed but only after rigid formalities.

Rumour has it that Prince Humbert of Italy is engaged to Miss Etta Mussolini, daughter of the Dictator. Announcement had been expected of his engagement to a Belgian Princess, so the news comes as a surprise to Rome.

Moscow, July 9.—The Schlussemburg Fortress, the "Bastille" of Russia, the place where the Tsars kept the revolutionaries cornered, but which has fallen into a state of disrepair, since the Revolution, is being restored and will be maintained as an historical museum.

At the annual meeting of members of the Hongkong Lodge of The Theosophical Society, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. Malcolm Manuk; Vice-President, Mr. David Gubbay; Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. E. Lanepart; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Gubbay; Hon. Booksteward, Mr. Wong Man-keung; Hon. Librarian, Mr. Lee Tin-sik; Committee Members, Messrs. Alfred Lane, R.N., Wei Tat, John Russell, Maurice Minney, O. de Silva and Burjor Talati.

In consideration of the growing of Chinese interests in the French Concession, in Hankow, the French Consul-General there has asked a prominent Chinese resident of the Concession, Mr. Liu Tse-tsin, Compradore of the Russo-Asiatic Bank to take a seat on the French Municipal Council. Mr. Liu Tse-tsin is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, Chinese resident in the French Concession, where he has lived since the Concession was established and where he possesses very important interests. On account of his personal and social standing, the choice of Mr. Liu Tse-tsin as the first Chinese representative in the French Municipal Council will be unanimously approved by the Chinese and Foreign communities where he is equally popular.

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FOOCHOW OUTRAGE.

GERMAN SHACKLED THROUGH STREETS.

AN ARMS DEAL SEQUEL.

Foochow, Aug. 7.

Mr. Otto Heinsohn, a German employed since March as a tea man in the American firm of Brewster and Company, has been arrested without a warrant under orders of the Fukien Tupan. Mr. Heinsohn was taken shackled through the principal streets of Foochow and thrown into the common military prison.

The cause of arrest is believed to be, that Heinsohn was once employed by Wilhelm Pfeng who left Foochow last September after receiving from the Tupan a considerable sum for the purchase of arms and munitions which Pfeng was unable to deliver owing to the refusal of the German Government to permit export without a permit from the Central Government which the Tupan could not obtain.

It is believed that Heinsohn knew nothing of the arms deal, being solely Pfeng's tea man. It is understood that the Tupan refuses to release Heinsohn even on bail till the latter signs a bond to reimburse the Tupan the amount advanced to Pfeng or delivers the arms.

The civil authorities are powerless to grant Heinsohn his fundamental legal rights. The prisoner must supply his own food and other necessities.—Reuter.

HEAVY FIRE.

KUOMINCHUN ATTACKS REPULSED.

Peking, Aug. 7.

Heavy gunfire was heard in Peking this morning and afternoon. The Chinese military officials assert that the Kuominchun were making a counter-attack with a view to covering their retirement from Nankou for Yenching.

This morning's attacks were repulsed but the Kuominchun renewed the assaults this afternoon. Fighting continues.—Reuter.

Unconfirmed Report.

Peking, Aug. 8.

It is unofficially stated in military circles this morning that news has been received to the effect that Nankow Pass was captured by the Fengtien and Allied troops at 9 p.m. yesterday; but no official confirmation, so far, is forthcoming.—Reuter.

Canton's Communique.

The Canton Information Bureau has issued the following communique through Reuter:—

Canton, Aug. 7.

The General Staff at the front have telegraphed to the Nationalist Government reporting the defeat of Wu Pei-fu's troops under Ho Yao-tso on the Changteh front, North Hunan. The enemy retreated northward to Kung Yan-hsien and Shih Shao-hsien pursued by Nationalist forces.

The message from Hankow reporting the Kuominchun's defeat at Nankou near Peking is categorically denied here. The Kuominchun inform the Nationalist Government that Wu Pei-fu's motley troops cannot dislodge them from their mountain position.

Raising War Funds.

Canton, Aug. 7.

A Canton Information Bureau communique states that a monster demonstration is to be held to-morrow against a resumption of the Peking special tariff conference, which is viewed as a special fiscal method for raising war funds for Peking against the Nationalist cause.

EDITOR'S ARREST.

ANOTHER EDITOR'S WIFE ARRESTED.

Shanghai, Aug. 7.

Cheng Sheh-wo, a graduate of Peking University, editor of the "Shih Chieh Jih Pao," was arrested this morning on an unknown charge.

An order for arrest was also issued by the Commandant of the Peking Gendarmerie against Cheng Chi-an, editor of the "Min Li Wan Pao," but the latter had previously left Peking. It is understood that the police have since arrested Cheng Chi-an's wife in his stead.—Reuter.

NORWAY'S SILVER.

Kongsberg, August 8.

Norway has eight tons of pure silver, worth three quarter of a million kroner, which she is sending from the mines here to Britain. —Reuter.

A heavy downpour on Saturday afternoon considerably interfered with outdoor sport.

IN THE BALKANS.

PEACEABLE END TO DISPUTE?

ADVICE APPRECIATED.

Rugby, Aug. 8.

The newspapers state that the advice tendered in Sofia and Belgrade, not only by Great Britain but by France and Italy, has been well received, and that there is now less likelihood of the dispute which has arisen between Yugo-Slavia and Bulgaria over the Kriva Palanka incident developing unfavourably.—British Wireless Service.

SYMBOLIC FIRE.

PICTURESQUE Y.M.C.A. CEREMONY.

CONGRESS CONCLUDES.

Helsingfors, Aug. 7.

An impressive ceremony marked the conclusion of the Y.M.C.A. Congress when 250 boy delegates assembled with flags around a huge bonfire symbolical of the fire of friendship. National representatives threw offerings thereon, Australia contributing wool, Asia rice and Africa cotton. Twenty-seven representatives then briefly addressed the gathering after which the boys lit torches and gave the pledge "I leave this fire with a vision of the great Christian fellowship, conscious of differences but resolved to love." The ceremony concluded with the recital of the Lord's Prayer.—Reuter.

U.S. RAILWAYS.

MOST PROSPEROUS HALF YEAR ON RECORD.

REMARKABLE FIGURES.

New York, August 7.

The American railways were more prosperous in the first half of 1926 than in any similar period in their history, accumulating profits of nearly half a billion dollars.

If the same ratio of increase is maintained throughout the year, which depends largely on the crop movement, the profits for 1926, according to the Bureau of Railway Economics should be about $1,200,000,000, compared with $1,135,000,000 in 1925. The last six months, in consequence of heavy Autumn traffic, is expected to contribute 58 per cent. of the total.—Reuter.

MONGOLIA.

SOVIET RUSSIA PLANS PROBE.

ECONOMIC POSSIBILITIES.

Harbin, August 1.

The Academy of Soviet Russia has announced the organisation of six parties to investigate the economic possibilities of Mongolia. One will be charged with obtaining geological data, another will make a study of archeological conditions in western Mongolia and Wuliang-hai and the others will make purely economic investigations in central and eastern Mongolia.

According to present plans all expeditions will be on their way by the middle of October.

RAILWAY DEBTS.

PEKING-MUKDEN LINE BANKRUPT.

Shanghai, Aug. 7.

The "N.-C. Daily News" Peking correspondent states the Peking-Mukden Railway has been declared bankrupt by firms dealing in materials and supplies.

The railway is in the market for $1,200,000 worth of steel rails, but no Bank will guarantee payment, as the last coupons were only paid by defaulting on promised payments for oil and other supplies.

The correspondent adds that the Railway's debts in April were $10,000,000 and are now approaching $12,000,000.—Reuter.

GERMAN TRADE.

REMARKABLE RECOVERY THIS YEAR.

Berlin, August 8.

The remarkable post-war recovery of German trade is demonstrated by the fact that exports for the first six months of 1926 are only 280 million marks lower than for the corresponding period of 1913. Exports for the past six months totalled 4,768,000 marks and imports 4,232,000 marks.

It is semi-officially pointed out that although the figures indicate considerable improvement in the economic position of the population, there has been no advantage, even from the most favourable active trade balance, in view of the obligations and losses in connection with the Versailles Treaty.—Reuter.

ASIATIC PARLEY.

JAPANESE DELEGATE'S THREAT.

A CHINESE RESOLUTION.

Nagasaki, August 1.

The Pan-Asiatic conference opened to-day with 50 delegates present from Japan, China, India and the Philippine Islands. The conference attempted little outside interest, except from the police who watched the assemblage closely to prevent anti-western speeches.

The conference was nearly broken up when a Chinese delegate offered a resolution for Japan to abolish the treaty based on the 21 demands made in 1915, and also the abolition of the uni-lateral treaties as a first step to establish Asiatic amity. The Japanese threatened to withdraw from the conference, so the resolution was tabled.—Associated Press.

Interest in America.

Washington, August 1.

The Pan-Asiatic Conference which opened to-day in Nagasaki, Japan, is arousing considerable discussion in official and diplomatic circles, in spite of the fact that messages from Tokyo indicate that the meeting is not receiving attention in Japanese, Chinese or any other government quarters.

Considerable news relating to the conference has been published in American papers during the past week, but there has been no accurate information as to the strength and purposes of the movement. There is considerable speculation, therefore whether it is a futile gesture or the forerunner of a effective Asiatic alliance designed to weaken European and American influence in the Orient.—United Press.

"NO VISITORS."

A FRENCH NEWSPAPER'S OUTCRY.

EMPTYING THE SHOPS.

Paris, August 7.

The recovery of the franc has practically ended the isolated cases of mobbing and hooting of tourists, but protests against the manner in which visitors (especially British) are alleged to be making a clean sweep of every kind of commodity continue.

A writer in "Le Journal" remarks that the enemy devastated ten Departments, but that is no reason why our ex-Allies should remove what is in others.

A small steamer with visitors from Guernsey emptied in a few hours all the shops in Cherbourg, the shopkeepers not realising that they have to pay double for new stock. The writer urges taxation on foreigners entering France.—Reuter.

Francs in London.

London, August 7.

The closing rate of francs was:—French 161¾; Belgian, 171¾.—Reuter.

Raid on Undesirables.

Paris, August 1.

In an effort to drive out undesirable foreigners, gendarmes raided dozens of cafes in the 4th and 12th arrondisements and arrested 44 persons charged with failure to provide themselves with identification cards.

The 4th and 12th arrondisements are inhabited mostly by Poles, Italians and other European foreigners and the police questioned more than 450.—"United Press."

BARON'S ARREST.

SEQUEL TO WIFE'S DEATH.

POLICE DISCOVERY.

Miami (Florida), August 1.

Baron Royce Garrett, former Russian nobleman, was taken into custody to-day for questioning in connection with what is believed to be the suicide of his wife, who on Friday leaped to her death from the 18th flour of the Everglade Hotel.

The police found the baron in a thicket near a suburban railroad station where it was alleged he was attempting to hang himself with a piece of twine.—Associated Press.

COTTON TRADE.

BIGGEST SCHEME IN CO-OPERATION.

MINIMUM SELLING PRICES.

Manchester, August 7.

A scheme, which is described as the biggest yet made in the co-operation of master cotton spinners, was launched at a meeting in Manchester.

A substantial majority of the spinners decided to form a new Association in the American section to fix minimum selling prices and impose penalties for a breach.—Reuter.

HEMMED IN.

FATE OF FOREIGNERS AT TALUNGFU.

COMMUNICATION CUT-OFF.

Peking, August 1.

Foreigners living at Talungfu which is defended by the Shansi forces against the Kuominchun, are not permitted to leave the beleaguered city, in spite of the efforts of the American Consul Mr. Edwin F. Stanton to effect their release. They have been out of communication with the outside world for fifty days, but are reported to be safe with sufficient food.

Dispatches from Kalgan say the foreigners are living in dugouts on account of the almost continuous bombardment. Upon request of the English mission, American Consul Stanton proceeded to Tatung, but was informed that the foreigners would not be allowed to depart without the express permission of General Yen Hsi-nan of Shansituan. —Associated Press.

MEXICO'S LAWS.

NEW AMERICAN NOTE DELIVERED.

CONTENTS NOT DISCLOSED.

Mexico City, August 7.

The American Ambassador, Mr. James R. Sheffield, has delivered a new Note to the Mexican Foreign Office in reference to the new Petroleum and Land Laws.—Reuter.

VIGAN SEA-WALL.

PROJECT COST PHILIPPINES P.70,000.

Vigan, Ilocos Sur, August 2.

The Cobantes sea-wall between Vigan and Bantay, constructed by Antonio Rivero, was turned over to the Government on July 29. The project was received for the Government by Marcial Kasilag, chief of the construction division of the bureau of public works, and Division Engineer Errans, both of whom had come to inspect the project.

The Government spent P70,000 in the construction of the wall, without counting the gravel that was used to complete the project to make traffic possible. Traffic was opened on Friday, but the heavy rains which fell that day caused two big pools on the east side of the wall, compelling the Government to spend one hundred pesos more for repairs.—National News Service.

FOREST FIRES.

SWEEP IDAHO AND MONTANA.

Washington, Aug. 1.

Forest fires in Northern Idaho and Montana are beyond control and are sweeping through great areas of valuable timber.

It was stated to-day that the fires already had burned over from 175,000 to 200,000 acres of national forests.

Acting Government Forester Kneipp stated that the situation was as serious as at any time on record.—Associated Press.

WANTS ARMS.

PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT UNEASY.

Lisbon, Aug. 1.

With rumours of another revolutionary movement circulating more and more persistently, the Government ordered that all privately owned arms and explosives be surrendered within forty hours to the nearest military headquarters.

The present regime has held the reins for almost a month.—United Press.

RUBBER IN INDIA.

EUROPEAN CAPITALISTS COMBINE.

Calcutta, Aug. 1.

It is learned in local financial circles that a large European syndicate has been formed or is in the process of formation, for the purpose of developing the production of rubber in several regions of India.

It is understood here that most of the capital is British. A total of 6,000 acres already has been planted in various localities for experimental purposes. After the first year it will be possible to determine where the climate and soil are most suitable.—United Press.

A TRUCE?

POSITION OF CATHOLICS IN MEXICO.

POLICY OF CALLES.

Mexico City, Aug. 1.

A willingness to enter into a truce with the Mexican government for a reasonable length of time until, by means of a national plebiscite, the Mexican people may express themselves concerning the religions controversy, was expressed to-day in an exclusive statement to The Associated Press by a Mexican known to be close to the church authorities.

Meanwhile, the statement proposes, the religious regulations and the "entire religious persecution" are to be suspended.

President Calles, Secretary of Labour Morones, cabinet members, high military and other officials, reviewed a labour parade from the balcony of the palace. The paraders cheered President Calles as they passed the reviewing stand.

It was estimated that upwards of 15,000 marched in the parade.—Associated Press.

An Explanation.

Washington, August 1.

An explanation of Mexico's religious policy was made to-day in a statement by the Mexican charge d'affaires. He said when the church held powerful political sway in Mexico it never had represented constructive power for the people, and that it was an erroneous idea for Americans to judge the church in Mexico by the church standard in the United States.

For the Masses.

He declared that the policy of President Calles of Mexico was a continuation of the one that promoted the reform in the middle of the 19th century which gave the country its Magna Charta. He asserted that the country is now passing through a creative period and is seeking to spread knowledge among the lower classes, improve agriculture, build roads and irrigation projects, improve the condition of the poor, and place the country in a producing state.

He further declared:

"The rich minority rested on the wretched condition of the poor majority in the past." He said the situation was understood at home.

He declared that President Calles desires to make it clear to others that he is anxious for the people to enjoy better conditions of life. He said the obstructive and reactionary elements were instigated by the church and consequently President Calles answered by putting into force the laws already extant which have not been put in force through the toleration of the Government.

Stop to Pray.

Mexico City, August 1.

Dawn of the first day of the Government's anti-religious decrees found armed troops guarding the entrances of all churches in the capital. They also line the route of the great federation of labour parade announced for to-day.

The city streets are quiet and all churches are almost deserted except the Cathedral. A large number of persons are passing in and out of the latter building, pausing inside for prayer. In some of the other churches, small groups of men and women are attempting to conduct their own services.—United Press.

Troops Mobilised.

Brownsville, Texas, August 1.

Mexican troops in Matamoras, across the border from here, are mobilised and in readiness for revolutionary movements if any appear in the open. The district, however, is quiet and is expected to remain so.—United Press.

Flee from Mexico.

San Antonio, Texas, August 1.

More than 400 nuns and a large number of priests arrived here as refugees, from Mexico and will be cared for by a committee of local Catholic priests and laymen.

The parochial officials have been requested to prepare housing for the refugees whose number will probably be greatly increased by arrivals to-day. The nuns reported that they had not been molested while trying to escape from the country.—United Press.

Pray for Mexico.

Rome, August 1.

By the express desire of the Pope the entire day at the Vatican was devoted to meditation, and prayer on behalf of Mexico. There were no ceremonies, all audiences and receptions having been countermanded. Prayers for Mexico recited in all churches of Italy were largely attended.—United Press.

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SPORTS SECTION

BOLD EXPERIMENT?

ENGLAND'S TEST XI FOR THE OVAL.

A NEW CAPTAIN.

Additions to Our Bowling Strength.

London, August 8.

The Test Match selectors have regretfully accepted the resignation of Mr. A. W. Carr as captain of the England cricket eleven.

The following team was chosen for the Fifth (and last) Test Match (at the Ovah beginning this Saturday) which will be played to a finish, irrespective of time:—

Mr. A. P. F. Chapman (Kent) captain.
Mr. G. T. S. Stevens (Middlesex.)
W. Rhodes (Yorkshire),
J. B. Hobbs (Surrey),
F. E. Woolley (Kent),
H. Sutcliffe (Yorkshire),
E. Hendren (Middlesex),
M. W. Tate (Sussex),
H. Larwood (Notts),
G. Geary (Leicester),
G. Brown (Hampshire) and twelfth man, E. Tyldesley (Lancashire).

—Reuter.

WHO'S WHO.

Young Skipper to Lead England.

Chapman played in the first three Tests this years. He stood down in the 4th to let Tyldesley play; but he fielded as substitute for Carr who was taken ill. At Uppingham he gave promise of being a great cricketer and won his Blue at Cambridge in 1920-22. Playing for a minor county, he subsequently qualified for Kent. He is a brilliant left-handed batsman, of the quick-scoring type; in the field, he is excellent at cover point but can also distinguish himself in other positions. In this year's Tests he has fielded "elsewhere" as Hobbs has taken the "cover" post. He is not yet 26. But as he has played in Australia and is enterprising, he ought not to fail England.

Stevens is the all-rounder who played for Oxford in 1920-23 and was captain in 1922. As the protege of "Plum" Warner, his inclusion in the England XI was expected at the beginning of the season but he did not play till the 4th Test in which he took the bowling honours and batted fairly well.

Veteran's Return.

Wilfred Rhodes partnered Hobbs years ago in record first-wicket partnerships for England. At 49 years of age, his "return" to Test play may come as a surprise. I think he supersedes his colleague, Roy Kilner, because he can bowl steadily—and therefore keep down runs—for long periods, this being necessary in a match without time limit. He and Hobbs are the two "co-opted" professionals on the selection committee.

Woolley is a left-handed all-rounder who played in all Tests this year. Sutcliffe is the opening batsman with Hobbs. Hendren is another batsman and tip-top field. Tate is England's best bowler; he has not quite fulfilled expectations this year but he must come off some time or other, and he can also make runs. These have all played in the Tests this season.

In Other Respects.

Larwood is the fastest bowler in England of "Test" standard. He played in the 2nd Test. Geary, another bowler, played in the 3rd and stayed in for a long time while England's batting "tail" wagged.

Brown takes Strudwick place as wicket-keeper. This Hampshire man played in three Tests in 1921. He is not so smart as Struddy but his batting form has been very good indeed this season. He can also bowl but I hope England will not have to call on his services in this respect.

On the whole it must be admitted that Carr has disappointed as captain. A missed catch and other things—and then sickness in the 4th Test—are among the items in cricket which are entered up on the "bad joss" side. His resignation makes things easier.

Chapman's elevation comes then as a matter of "routine." With the valuable advice of Rhodes and Hobbs he should do well.

Batting and Bowling.

The batting order may be:—
Hobbs,
Sutcliffe,
Woolley,
Hendren,
Chapman,
Stevens,
Brown,
Rhodes,
Tate,
Geary,
Larwood.

The bowlers are Tate and Larwood for the opening attack; Geary and Rhodes (or the other way about) first change; Stevens; and also Woolley.

Those Left Out.

Some may argue that Root should be included again. I look at it in this way. The Australians have treated him with too much respect, ignoring his leg trap and letting him get tired, by only "playing" him when absolutely necessary. In a game of patience, the Aussies are more likely to tire out Root than he is to tie them up.

Carr's going is to be regretted in some respects but he has done the least of the "regular" England batsmen. An extra bowler gives strength—and variety—to the attack and Brown ought to make up the difference in batting.

I am sorry to see Kilner left out but in Rhodes there is a trusted bowler who has not been served up against the Australians, at least in Test matches, this season.

Selectors Confident?

In one way the selectors seem to have made a bold experiment for the new circumstances. As compared with the XI for the First Test there is really not very much change.

At Trent Bridge, England's chosen were:—Carr, Chapman, Hobbs, Sutcliffe, Woolley, Hendren, Tate, Kilner, Hearne, Root and Strudwick.

Chapman, Hobbs, Sutcliffe, Woolley, Hendren, and Tate are still in. Brown takes Strudwick's place as stumper. Stevens has replaced Hearne (both Middlesex all-rounders) but I know some will prefer Hearne for a match in which time does not count. Rhodes comes in for Kilner (both Yorkshire all-rounders). It may also be said that Geary is preferred to Root and that instead of a Notts batsman (in Carr) we have a Notts bowler in Larwood. On paper the bowling is stronger than in any other Test this season and the batting is good right down to No. 10 at least.

—W.P.C.

CHANNEL SWIM.

DISTANCE FROM CALAIS TO DOVER.

EFFECT OF CURRENTS.

Discussion arose during the week-end in some of the clubs as to the distance of the Channel swim, following the success of Miss Gertrude Ederle, the American girl.

Reference books give the narrowest width of the English Channel, from Dover to a point in N.E. France (at Calais), as 21 miles.

The difficulty, of course, lies in the strength of the currents, the knowledge of which makes a material difference.

Swimmers have been known to be carried backwards and forwards by the tides, so that the actual distance covered is considerably more than 21 miles.

Miss Ederle's time is better than that of any of the five men who previously swam across. Accordingly, it may be presumed that she took a more direct course and therefore swam less distance. This presumption may prove to be wrong when further details come to hand.

Reuter cables which arrived after publication on Saturday were:—

Bonfire Reception.

London, Aug. 7.

Thousands of frantically excited people, on hearing of the approach of an unknown Channel swimmer, hurried to the spot from every direction. As Miss Ederle got nearer they collected dry wood from which they built big bonfires as a beacon and in the glaring light vociferously cheered her on. People rushed knee deep through the surf to help her out as she reached the beach but Miss Ederle walked out, looking quite fresh. She afterwards entered a boat and was taken back to the tug where she dressed, afterward landing to take a taxi to London.

Great Rejoicing.

New York, Aug. 7.

There are great rejoicings all over the United States concerning Miss Elderle's swim of the English Channel. The greatest gratification is expressed that it was an American who was the first woman to cross that difficult piece of water. Her biography was broadcast last night and the newspapers devote whole pages to photographs of her and of other members of her family.

THE AUSTRALIANS.

1ST DAY'S PLAY AGAINST GLOUCESTER.

London, Aug. 7.

At Cheltenham, the match between Gloucestershire and the Australians began before a large attendance in cool weather. The wicket was easy.

Gloucester won the toss and were all out for 144 runs. B. H. Lyon made 35. C. V. Grimmett took 6 wickets for 67 runs.

Australia batted till stumps were drawn, their score then being 228 runs for 6 wickets. J. M. Taylor made 95, T. J. E. Andrews 62.—Reuter.

Play continues to-day and to-morrow.

SPORT'S ENEMY.

RAIN SPOILS BASEBALL MATCHES.

WEEK-END DOINGS.

With a lead of six runs to one on the first five innings' play in their league baseball match with the Hongkong Baseball Club on Saturday, the Filipinos gained the decision, which now gives them third place in the league table.

A further run was added by the Filipinos in their sixth inning, which was unfinished owing to rain, two men being down and one on third when play was stopped.

The match between South China and the Club de Recreio had to be postponed.

Play Described.

As far as it went, this game was interesting at different stages. Outstanding features were a brilliant catch at left field by Kansom, which dismissed Zafra in the second inning, and Bautista's steal home all the way from first base to the plate, in the fourth inning. The latter slided into the bases and plate almost at the last second.

The Baseball Club had O. Ismail as substitute catcher for C. Shank, who was absent owing to illness, and it was this player who scored the only run for the side in the third inning whilst the first and second base men were busy with lines, who was eventually put out. They were blanked out in the other innings.

With two of the Filipino side down in the first inning, Francisco was walked and scored the first run by stealing, the first lap being done during a fly by Cruz to left field.

Blanked out in the next two innings, the Filipinos added two runs in the fourth through Zafra (who started on a hit) and Bautista. Two more runs came in the next inning through Francisco and Cruz, when play was temporarily stopped. Rull added another after the resumption. In the sixth inning Francisco hit a three bagger, which brought Delgado home, two men being down. Rain interfered again.

Teams and score by inning were as under:—

Club.		Filipinos.
O. Ismail	c	Zafra.
Hines	1b	Leonard.
Ransom	lf	Delgado.
Cockey	3b	Francisco.
Murcio	ss	Cruz.
Harrell	p	Angeles.
Mahon	2b	Rull.
C. Shank	rf	Kitchell.
Rankin	cf	Bautista.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Club	0	0	1	0	0	0	—1
Filipinos	1	0	0	2	3	1	—7

Runs: (Club): Ismail. (Filipinos): Francisco (2), Cruz, Zafra, Rull, Bautista, Delgado.

Hits: Club 4; Filipinos 6.

LEAGUE TABLE.

The League table now stands at:—

	W.	L.	Pct.
South China	8	1	.888
Japanese	6	2	.750
Filipinos	4	5	.444
Club de Recreio	3	4	.428
Defence Corps	2	6	.250
H.K. Baseball Club	2	7	.222

The remaining fixtures during August are:—

14.—H.K.V.D.C. v. Club Recreio.
South China v. Filipinos.
15.—H.K.B.B. Club v. Japanese.
21.—South China v. Club Recreio.
22.—Filipinos v. Japanese.
28.—Filipinos v. H.K.V.D.C.
Japanese v. South China.
29.—Club Recreio v. H.K.B.B. Club.

"HONGKONG" v. "REST."

Rain again spoiled yesterday's baseball, the league match having to be postponed and the practice game lasting only two innings.

With the muddy state of the ground, the game was of little use either as practice or as a guide for picking the probable team to meet the Filipino cracks who are passing though next week.

Yesterday's practice teams were:—

Probables		The Rest.
Takatomi	cf	Hayase.
Hachiuma S.	2b	Sling
Ransom	lf	Yokoi
Zafra	c	Hachiuma Y.
Gosano	3b	Barros
Bowker	rf	Figueiredo
Alves	ss	Cruz
Leonard	1b	Chinn
Lee	p	Ishimatsu

The selection of Hongkong's team in the third match of the series (on August 18) will, it is understood, be made this week when further practice games will take place.

WATER POLO.

LEAGUE MATCHES START TO-DAY

Water Polo league matches will commence this afternoon at the Victoria Recreation Club bath, when two matches will be played, as under:—

6.00 p.m.—Royal Navy v. Kowloon British School "B."

6.30 p.m.—H.K. Electric v. V.R.C.

"ALL SQUARE."

RACE IN BOWLS LEAGUE, DIVISION II.

SATURDAY'S SURPRISE.

"All square" is how the three leading teams in the junior division of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls League stand at present.

The senior fixtures have been completed so that play was restricted to division II on Saturday. Rain fell intermittently during the afternoon and play was stopped occasionally.

Kowloon Cricket Club, the leaders, unexpectedly lost to East Point, thereby making the championship an open issue.

Matches resulted:—

Indian Recreation Club v. R.H.K. Yacht Club.

On their own green the Indian Recreation Club were defeated by the Yacht Club by 20 shots.

Scores:—

I.R.C.		R.H.K.Y.C.
R. Nazarin		Vaux
J. Dyer		Ramsay
V. Espina		Wood
H. Harteam (Skip)	..19	Russell (Skip) ..25
E. Bux		Croucher
S. B. Kitchell		Carpenter
O. B. Kitchell		Dixon
S. E. Ismail (Skip)	..14	Edwards (Skip) ..25
S. S. Hussain		Davies
S. O. Bux		Lang
A. O. Madar		Anderson
B. A. Hyder (Skip)	..17	Shields (Skip) ..20
Total	..50	Total ..70

Taikoo R.C. v. Club de Recreio.

The Club de Recreio in their game with Taikoo went down on all their rinks, but by small margins, their total deficit at the end being 13 shots.

Scores:—

T.R.C.		Club de Recreio
Maxwell		Souza
Richmond		Marques
Stalker		Ribeiro
Grimes (Skip)	..22	J. Ribeiro (Skip) ..19
Warnock		Sequeira
Boyle		Barros
Chalmers		Rosario
McKechnie (Skip)	..23	Britto (Skip) ..15
Waid		Remedios
Craig		F. X. Silva
Sloan		C. Silva
Seath (Skip)	..20	L. C. Souza (Skip) ..18
Total	..65	Total ..52

Craigengower Cricket Club v. Civil Service C.C.

Playing at home Craigengower defeated the Civil Service team by 6 shots, thanks to good play by Arculli's rink.

Scores:—

C.C.C.		C.S.C.C.
Brightman		Trengrove
Phayer		Archibald
Bennett		Knott
Alves (Skip)	..22	Alderman (Skip) ..16
Kharas		Jones
Kitchell		Rose
Sellwood		Davis
Arculli (Skip)	..17	Allan (Skip) ..10
Lux		Beattie
Van da Lily		Westlake
Rodrigues		Haynes
Fletcher (Skip)	..11	Lamble (Skip) ..18
Total	..50	Total ..44

Kowloon C.C. v. East Point R.C.

Contrary to expectation the East Point conquered the K.C.C. at Kowloon and thus bagged a couple of valuable points. The locals were up on only one rink, the other two falling badly.

Scores:—

K.C.C.		E.P.R.C.
T. Goodwin		S. Baker
L. Lammert		Glover
A. W. Smith		A. Henderson
J. Gibson (Skip)	..21	McTavish (Skip) ..16
W. T. Gorvin		G. S. Law
R. Abraham		Webster
C. J. Tacchi		Whiteford
W. Hill (Skip)	..14	A. Hamilton (Skip) ..29
H. Overy		T. Samways
V. Labrum		R. Williamson
J. P. Robinson		R. McKellow
J. Fraser (Skip)	.. 9	R. W. Lee (Skip) ..26
Total	..44	Total ..71

LEAGUE TABLES.

The following are the positions in the League to date:—

DIVISION I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Taikoo R.C.	10	8	0	2	16
Kowloon Dock	10	7	0	3	14
Craigengower C. C.	10	7	0	3	14
Civil Service	10	4	1	5	9
Kowloon B.G.	10	2	0	8	4
Police R.C.	10	1	1	8	3

U.S. BASEBALL.

NATIONAL & MAJOR LEAGUES.

THE WEEK'S RESULTS.

New York, August 7.

The results of the baseball match in the major leagues during the past week are as follow:—

National League.

Saturday:
New York 8, St. Louis 6.
New York 6, St. Louis 1.
Brooklyn 3, Chicago 2.
Boston 2, Cincinatti 2.
Boston 8, Cincinatti 1.
Philadelphia 5, Pittsburg 10.

Sunday:
New York 7, St. Louis 2.
Brooklyn 2, Chicago 1.

Monday:
New York 4, St. Louis 2.
Brooklyn 4, Chicago 5.
Philadelphia 8, Pittsburg 3.

Tuesday:
New York 5, Chicago 3.
New York 3, Chicago 5.
Boston 0, Cincinatti 1.
Boston 2, Cincinatti 3.
Philadelphia 2, Pittsburg 14.

Wednesday:
Brooklyn 4, St. Louis 8.
Boston 14, Pittsburg 0.
Boston 2, Pittsburg 5.
Philadelphia 5, Chicago 7.

Thursday:
New York 7, Cincinatti 4.
Brooklyn 9, St. Louis 11.
Boston 3, Pittsburg 4.
Philadelphia 1, Chicago 6.

Friday:
New York 6, Cincinatti 3.
Brooklyn 3, St. Louis 7.
Boston 4, New York 5.
Philadelphia 1, Chicago 2.

American League.

Saturday:
Chicago 1, New York 2.
Cleveland 6, Boston 2.
Detroit 6, Philadelphia 9.
St. Louis 0, Washington 9.

Sunday:
Chicago 4, New York 8.
Cleveland 2, Boston 1.
St. Louis 8, Washington 7.

Monday:
Chicago 2, New York 1.
St. Louis 11, Washington 14.
Detroit 0, Philadelphia 6.
Detroit 1, Philadelphia 10.

Tuesday:
Chicago 6, New York 7.
Cleveland 7, Boston 8.
Cleveland 0, Boston 2.
Detroit 4, Philadelphia 3.
St. Louis 7, Washington 6.

Wednesday:
Cleveland 4, New York 2.
Detroit 5, Washington 4.
Detroit 7, Washington 11.
Chicago 7, Boston 3.
St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 1.

Thursday:
Cleveland 2, New York 8.
Chicago 7, Boston 2.
Detroit 6, Washington 4.
St. Louis 7, Philadelphia 5.

Friday:
Cleveland 7, New York 8.
Chicago 7, Boston 4.
Detroit 8, Washington 12.
St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 6.

—Reuter's American Service.

LAWN TENNIS LEAGUE.

Rain prevented play in the Tennis League on Saturday and the three matches down for decision had to be postponed.

The first division match between Kowloon C.C. and Chinese R.C. (to decide the championship) has now been arranged for Wednesday.

Shots for and Against.

	For	Agst	Up	Dn.
Taikoo R.C.	655	520	135	0
Kowloon D.R.C.	586	533	53	0
Craigengower C.C.	614	565	49	0
Civil Service	559	580	0	21
Kowloon B.G.	525	602	0	77
Police R.C.	493	632	0	139

DIVISION II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Kowloon C.C.	11	8	0	3	16
East Point R.C.	11	8	0	3	16
Taikoo R.C.	11	8	0	3	16
Civil Service C.C.	12	7	1	4	15
Craigengower C. C.	11	4	0	7	8
R.H.K. Yacht Club	11	4	0	7	8
Club de Recreio	11	3	1	7	7
Indian R.C.	10	1	0	9	2

Shots for and Against.

	For	Agst	Up	Dn.
Kowloon C.C.	721	598	123	0
East Point R.C.	676	564	112	0
Taikoo R.C.	667	604	63	0
Civil Service R.C.	695	680	15	0
Craigengower	618	624	0	6
R.H.K. Yacht Club	664	672	0	8
Club de Recreio	591	683	0	92
Indian R.C.	489	691	0	202

OPEN DOUBLES.

Owing to a technical error, there is reason to believe that the draw for the open doubles championship will be made over again, this being caused through the inadvertent omission of certain names from the list as published last week.

Department Cup.

The Prisons v. P.W.D. match in the inter-departmental cup, down for yesterday was not played.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 9, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Estate Brokers' Share & Real Society.
T.T. on London	2/1 7/8	2/1 7/8	2/1 7/8
T.T. on Shanghai	77 1/8	77 1/8	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1100 b x d	1127 1/2 b & sa	1130 b
do. London	£125 n x d	—	£128 1/2 n
Chartered Bank	£20 3/4 b.	£20 3/4 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & R.	£30 1/2 n.	£30 1/2 n.	—
do. C.	£13 3/8 n.	£13 1/2 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	£9 3/4 b.	£9 3/4 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	$84 b.	$84 b.	$84 b.
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance			
China Underwriters	630 s.	640 s	$640 s.
North China Insurance	1.80 b.	1.90 b	1.90 s.
Union Insurance	T145 n.	T 140 n.	—
Yangtze Insurance	200 s	200 s	$200 s
Fire Insurances.	35 1/2 b.	40 n.	—
China Fire Insurance			
H.K. Fire Insurance	200 b.	210 b.	—
Shipping.	620 n	625 b	620 b.
Douglases			
Hongkong Steamboats	25 b.	25 1/2 b.	28 b.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	26 3/4 b	26 1/4 b. 26 3/4 s	26 3/4 b
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	1 1/2 n	2 n.	2 1/4 n.
do. (Def.) L'd.	30 n.	30 n.	30 n.
do. (") Hk.	40/- n.	—	45 s.
Oriental Navigation	—	40 n.	—
Shell Transports	—	—	—
Star Ferries	88/- n.	92/6 n.	90/- n.
Water-boats	67 s	65b 66 s.	$66 s.
Refineries.	15 3/4 n	15 s.	15 n.
China Sugars			
Malabon Sugars	24 n	24 3/4 s.	24 s
Mining.	35 1/2 b.	35 b.	35 s.
Benguets			
Kailan Mining Ad.	1 1/2 n.	—	—
Langkats (Combined)	40/- n.	42/6 n.	47/6 n.
do. (Single)	23 b.	T23 b.	T23 b.
Shanghai Exploration	12 3/4 n.	12 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	5 1/4 n.	5 n.	—
Raubs	7 n	6 1/2 n.	—
Tronoh Mines	$4 3/4 n	$5 b.	5 n.
Ural Caspians	67/- b.	64/- b.	—
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.	8/- n.	—	—
H.K. & K. Wharves	$122 1/2 n	122 s	$122 s
H.K. & W. Docks	54 b	54 1/2 b	54 b.
Hongkews	T171 b	—	170 b.
New Engineerings	5.80 b	T5.90 b.	5 3/4 b.
Shanghai Docks	108 b	109 b	108 b
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	10 3/4 b.	10 3/4 s	10 3/4 b.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	63 1/2 n.	62 s	63 1/2 sa
H.K. Realty	7 1/2 b 8 s	8 s	7 1/2 b.
H.K. Territorial	5 n.	4 s.	4 s
Humphreys Estates	13 3/4 b 13.90 sa	13 3/4 b 14 1/4 s.	13 1/2 b
Princes Building	90 n	90 s.	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2 b.	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	9 b	T9 b	T9.10 s.
Orientals	2 1/2 b	2 1/4 b.	2 1/2 b
Shanghai Cottons (old)	52 b.	53 b.	52 b.
do. (new)	27 b.	28 b.	26 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	$7 1/2 n.	$5 s.	$7 n
Cements (comb.)	13 1/2 n	14 1/4 n.	12 1/4 s
do. (old)	12 n.	13 n.	10 1/2 s
do. (new)	1 3/4 n.	2 1/2 n.	2 s
China Buses	10 1/2 b.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	19 b	19 b 19 1/2 s.	19 1/2 s.
do. (old)	14 1/2 n	14 1/2 s.	14 s.
do. (new)	11 n	10 1/2 n	10 s.
China Prov. (comb.)	—	—	—
do. (old)	5 1/4 b 5.20 sa	5.20 b 5.15-	5.20 b
do. (new)	—	— [5.20 sa	—
Dairy Farms	16 3/4 n	16 b	16 1/4 b
Ewo A Wing (full pd.)	6 s.	8 s	—
do. (part pd.)	—	—	—
Hongkong Amusements	11 1/2 n.	11 3/4 b.	—
H.K. Constructions	2 1/4 n	3 s	3 1/2 s.
Hongkong Electrics	66 s. 65 1/4 sa	64 1/2 n	65 b
H.K. Developments	15 cts s	5 cts. s	—
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	26 s.	—	30 n
do. (old)	10 s.	10 n.	10 n
do. (new)	5 s.	5 n	5 n
Hongkong Tramways	24.60 b	24 1/2 b 24 3/4 s	25 s
Lane, Crawfords	8 3/4 n.	8 1/4 s.	9 s
Macao Electrics	35 n	—	—
Mackintosh	19 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	13 n.	—
Peak Trams (old)	16 1/2 b.	17 1/2 b.	17 b.
do. (new)	7.60 n.	8 n.	7 1/2 s.
Sinceres	11 n.	9 1/4 b.	9 1/2 b.
Singapore Trams	10 1/8 b 12 s.	11/3 b.	—
Taxis	3 s.	3 s.	2 s
United Asbestos	20 n.	—	—
(Founders)	—	600 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	18 n.	—
Watsons (old)	13 1/4 n.	13 1/2 b	13 1/4 b
do. (new)	—	—	—
Wm. Powells	6 1/2 n	5.90 s.	5 3/4 b
H.K. Telephone	—	—	4 n

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 9th August 1926.

On London—
Bank, Wire ... 2/1 7/8
" On demand ... 2/1 15/16
" 30 day's sight ...
" 4 months' sight ... 2/2 1/16
Credits, 4 months' sight ... 2/2 15/16
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On Paris—
On demand ... 1850 nom.
Credits, 4 months' sight ...

On Berlin—
On demand ... nom.

On New York—
On demand ... 8 1/8
Credits, 60 days' sight ... 84

On Bombay—
Wire ...
On demand ... 144

On Calcutta—
Wire ...
On demand ... 144

On Singapore—
On demand ... 93

On Manila—
On demand ... 105

On Shanghai—
On demand ... nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)
On Yokohama—
On demand ... 110

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LONDON EXCHANGES.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, August 8

Paris	181
New York	4.86 1/2
Brussels	170
Geneva	25.17 1/2
Amsterdam	12.11 1/2
Milan	144
Berlin	20.48
Stockholm	18.17 1/2
Copenhagen	18.34
Oslo	22.20
Vienna	34.27 1/2
Prague	164
Helsingfors	193
Madrid	31.95 1/2
Lisbon	4 35/64
Rio	7 9/16
Buenos Aires	45 7/16
Bombay	1/5 59/64
Shanghai	2/9 1/2
Hongkong	2/2
Kobe	4/11 1/2
Silver Spot	29 1/2
Forward	29 9/16

The Water Police report that a 9-carat gold brooch, with nine pearls was found by an amah at Austin Road on Saturday afternoon. The amah turned over the brooch to her master, who later handed it to the Police. The owner may call at the Water Police and recover it on identification.

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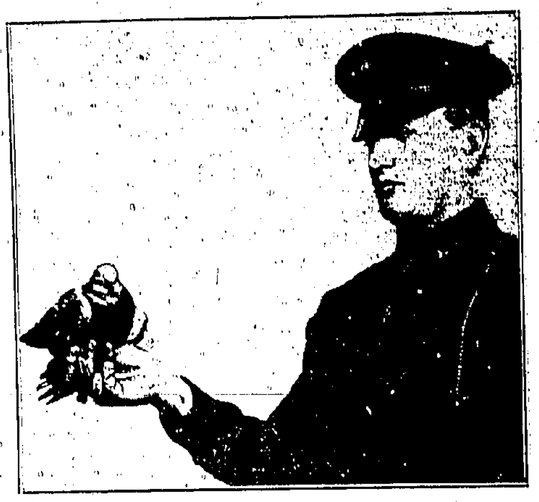
TELEPHONE CENTRAL 22.

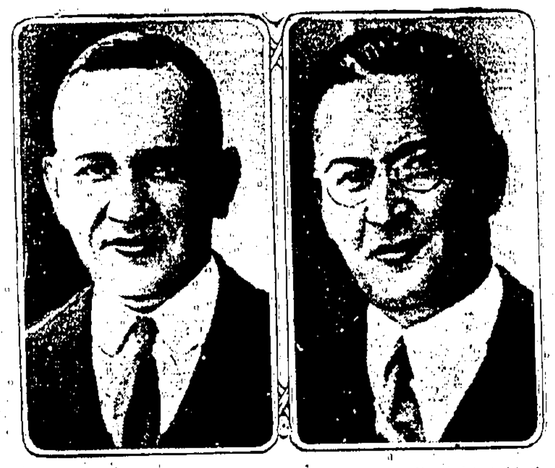
Dr. William T. Hornaday bids good-bye to the elephant as he (the doctor) retires from the New York Zoological Gardens where he has been chief for 30 years.

Governor Albert C. Ritchie, of Maryland, became a candidate to succeed himself.



A note, believed by the police to be a hoax, was found attached to the pigeon held by State Trooper H. T. Tankine, of Pennsylvania. The note purported to have come from Walter S. Ward, missing New York millionaire, telling where he was "held prisoner."

"Everything is off," said Joan Crawford, cinema actress, referring to her engagement to Michael Cudahy.



Frank J. Gorman, left, and William H. Folwell, right, told the Senate Investigating Committee that Joseph R. Grundy, of Philadelphia, turned over almost $300,000 without a receipt to the committee working for the re-election of Senator Pepper, of Pennsylvania.

Carl C. Magee, Albuquerque editor, was placed on trial in Las Vegas, N.M., on a charge of killing a bystander during an argument with Judge David Leahy, a political opponent.

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Activities of these four persons were under scrutiny in the Senate investigation into the Pennsylvania primaries. E. E. Beidleman was defeated for nomination for Governor. Harry W. Baker was State chairman of the Republican committee. Mrs. Ella M. George and Mrs. Leah C. Marion, Prohibition workers, threw support to Gifford Pinchot, defeated candidate for the Senate.

Margaret Leigh, once named "Miss Chicago," and Joseph Pondelik, football star, were married recently in Chicago.

Subways were one of the things Crown Prince Gustavus Adolphus went from Sweden to America to see. He was photographed as he put his money in the turnstile slot for his first ride.

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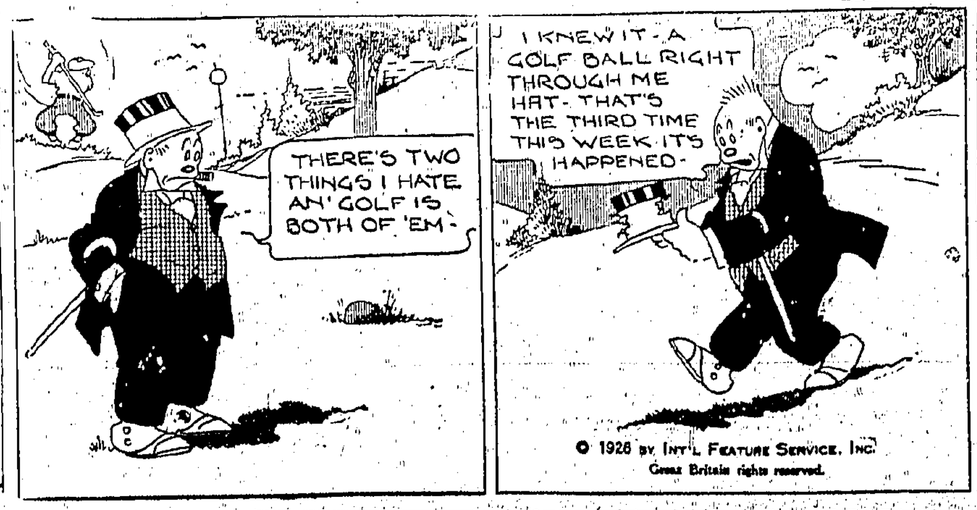

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OBSOLETE LAWS.

The letter which Lord Fitz Alan addressed to the "Times" urging that time should be given for the final stages of the Roman Catholic Relief Bill will, it says, have come to many persons as a surprise. They are unaware, or but very vaguely aware, that Roman Catholics, as such, are under legal disabilities from which all the rest of their countrymen are free. These disabilities are created by certain surviving provisions of the penal laws. As described in the memorandum printed with the Bill, they are useless and many of them are ridiculous, in the world of to-day. The Bill purports to do nothing more than to repeal them, and if in fact it is limited to this object, its speedy enactment is a matter of common justice and fair play. It asks for no privileges. It is but an attempt to place Roman Catholics on the same footing as others in regard to a number of subjects as to which the law now places them at a disadvantage. The Bill has come down from Committee, but it cannot get any further unless the Government give facilities for its final stages. As it passed the second reading without debate, and as similar Bills have been read a second time in several former Sessions, these stages are unlikely to take long. If it were sent up to the Lords it would almost certainly become law before the holidays. A large number of members of all parties, said to be as many as 180, have signed a memorial to the Prime Minister asking him to facilitate its farther progress. Its fate depends upon his decision.

Bells and Steeples Barred.

Among the provisions stated in the memorandum to be actually subsisting are declarations that books of Roman Catholic ritual shall never be kept in this realm, that no priest may officiate in a place of worship "with a bell and steeple," or may officiate at a funeral, or may wear the habits of his Order in public. A whole system of provisions affects members of religious Orders, with penalties ranging from £50 a month for neglecting to register up to banishment for life on being admitted to an Order, and transportation for life if the person so admitted is found at large three months after sentence. This code, it is worth observing, is re-enacted by a statute of 1860. Its provisions, no doubt, are and have been dead letters. They are openly and flagrantly broken with entire impunity. But it is not wholesome or politic to keep upon the Statute-book laws which are out of touch with public opinion so completely that they could not be enforced, particularly where they are offensive to a whole religious communion.

Real Disabilities.

The objection of Roman Catholics to the present state of the law is not, however, entirely sentimental. Some of the Acts and parts of Acts in force inflict upon them material losses as well. This particularly applies to the religious Orders and Communities, which are essential element in the constitution of the Roman Catholic Church. Roman Catholics may feel indignant or amused, according to their temperament, at enactments that religious Orders are "superstitious;" but they feel that their rights as subjects are infringed when it is declared that dispositions or bequests for the benefit of an Order, or gifts to an abbey or convent, may be declared void as being for superstitious uses. These enactments are by no means dead letters, as has been shown in quite recent cases. They are, of course, so far as practicable, evaded. Property is vested in trustees for the benefit of Orders, but it cannot be vested in them upon express trusts, as in the case of non-Catholic charities. Arrangements of the kind, it is hardly necessary to say, involve all sorts of difficulties—and costs—in dealing with the property, besides the payment of heavy death duties on the deaths of the trustees. From these charges, or most of them, non-Catholic charities are exempt.

Illegal Associations.

The position of Roman Catholic charities has been aggravated of late by the astuteness of the Revenue authorities and their advisers. Exemption from income-tax is allowed upon lands and tenements owned and occupied by a charity. A certain Roman Catholic charity, which is admitted to be within the ordinary legal definition of "a charity," applied for this exemption. It was disallowed on the ground that the Order carrying on the charity is an illegal association. In another case nuns engaged in a charity were refused exemption by the inspector because their Community is affiliated to a foreign association. All these nuns are English, all their work is done in England under an English trust deed, all their money is English, and they do not transmit any part of it to any foreign body or any foreign person. These grievances at least are palpable and real. It is not creditable that they should go unredressed in a land which justly boasts of civil equality and religious toleration for all.

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The British Museum is at last to have an organ more expressive than the succinct Parliamentary Return which records the additions to its collections along with the particulars of its expenditure and of public attendance. The opening number of "The British Museum Quarterly," issued by the Trustees at the price of two shillings, has thirty-two well-printed pages of stout paper, and not only describes the latest acquisitions of the Museum, but exhibits many of them in effective plates. The place of honour in the initial number is given to the statuette of Socrates recently found at Alexandria, which is regarded as a more life-like representation of the philosopher than has been furnished by any previously known work of art. Among the other ancient and medieval treasures recently acquired, illustrations are given of several pieces from the remarkable hoard of Chinese silver-ware, dating from the seventh to the tenth century of our era, which came from the province of Shensi.

The Museum has now a considerable fragment of the first draft of Jane Austen's "Persuasion" to place beside the single letter in her handwriting which it has hitherto possessed. This has an added value as the only surviving MS. of any part of her six well-known works. The charm of her handwriting is familiar from other facsimiles, and this specimen has the further interest of revealing changes in the plot of "Persuasion" as it developed in the course of composition.

PRISON RULES.

The rules made by the Governor in Council under section 18 of the Prisons Ordinance, 1809, on May 21, 1925, are amended as follows:—

(1) by the deletion of the words "Industrial Light Labour" next before rule 279;

(2) by the addition to rule 283 (2) of the following words:—"No such allotment of marks shall be made to a prisoner in respect of any day on which he undergoes solitary confinement or is on No. 1 punishment diet;"

(3) by the substitution in rule 316, punishment (4), of "28 days" for "14 days;" and

(4) by the substitution in rule 317, punishment (b), of "72 days" for "28 days."

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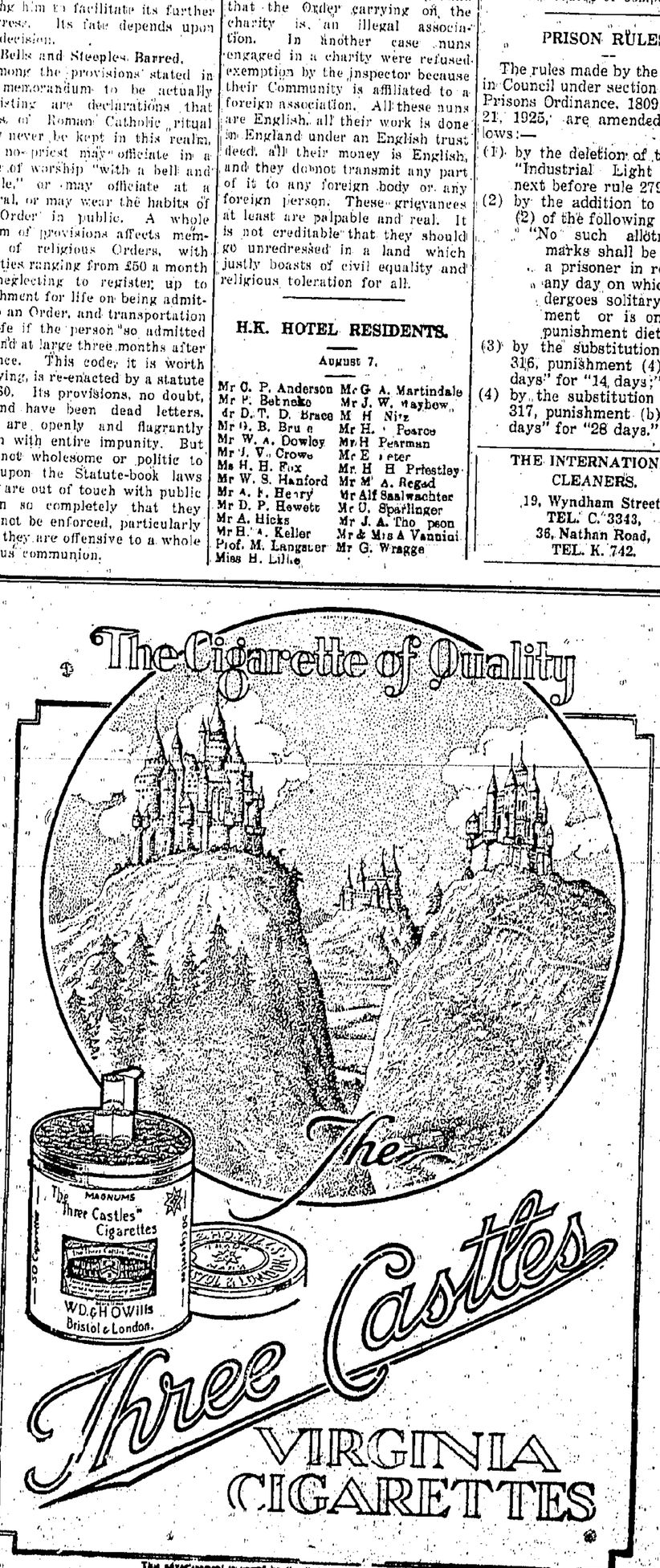

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U.S.A. Canada, Japan & Shanghai		Pres. McKinley
	FRIDAY, AUGUST 13.	
Manila		Pres. Lincoln
	SATURDAY, AUGUST 14.	
Japan		Suwa Maru
	MONDAY, AUGUST 16.	
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OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Times
	MONDAY, AUGUST 9.	
Amoy	Szechuen	5 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Jade	5 p.m.
	TUESDAY, AUGUST 10.	
Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	10 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hanoi	5 p.m.
Amoy	Namsang	5 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY, UGUST 11.	
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kotsu Maru	8.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Kwelyang	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Yatshing	3.30 p.m.
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FIRST CHECK.

FRENCH CABINET OPPOSE PREMIER.

LETTER TO COOLIDGE.

Paris, August 8.

M. Poincare, who had hitherto carried all before him in connection with his proposals to re-establish French finances on a sound basis, has now received a check. This has arisen with reference to his desire to obtain immediate ratification of debt agreements with Britain and America.

Resolute opposition to this has appeared among some members of the Cabinet, objection being directed more against the latter agreement than the former.

The Premier, therefore, has decided to mark time.

The Finance Committee of the Chamber has agreed to the suggestion of a number of its members that a sub-committee of fifteen be appointed to examine inter-Allied debt documents during the recess. The Committee in the meantime defer to the hearing of M. Poincare's statement.—Reuter.

Inopportune.

Paris, August 8.

On the ground that they are inopportune, the Chamber Finance Committee have rejected a Deputy's proposals to levy a special tax on all expenditure incurred by foreigners in France but possibly they will be reconsidered later and some of them adopted. The Chamber by 408 votes to 123 adopted M. Poincare's motion that the National Assembly incorporate the Sinking Fund statutes in the Constitution when the National Assembly meets on August 10.—Reuter.

Purse Empty.

Paris, August 8.

M. Clemenceau, in an open letter to President Coolidge, states that the Franco-British and American debts is a problem menacing the future of civilisation. He asks whether there are not other sides to the question to be considered besides the commercial, and says, "You demand payment of our debt, yet you know our purse is empty."

He was confident that the eyes of the man in the street would soon be opening to the comprehensive outlook. "To-day most of France's anxiety is centred on America. If the nations were merely commercial houses banking accounts would govern the fate of the world. You demand payment of the debt, yet you know as well as we that our purse is empty. You are asking us to sign promissory notes, but the secret of the comedy is that it is a question of fictitious dates and promissory notes end in a loan with a mortgage on our national property. France is not for sale, even to her friends. She will remain independent. Would President Coolidge feel otherwise if America were involved? Great Britain and America, like France, threw their all into the abyss but it was French territory which was scientifically ravaged.

"During three mortal years, whilst blood flowed from all our pores, we awaited America's word to come. Read the unending lists of killed. Compare if you like—the strong sap of our lost youth; is not that a banking account? Like Russia and Brest-Litovsk, America concluded a separate peace with Germany. To-day there is talk of a money peace between the Allied and associated Powers. Why did did not we under shell fire summon a Council of Administration of profiteers to decide whether we would be allowed to defend ourselves or whether we must rely on German reparations? The result is that America is gathering all the funds."

M. Clemenceau concludes: "I have spoken freely to the honoured head of a great people whom I thought was destined to carry the torch of ideals ever higher. It behoves him to pronounce judgment on himself."—Reuter.

PEAK CLUB MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Peak Club has been advertised for to-morrow at 6.30 p.m.

An ordinary meeting of the Hongkong Branch Marine Engineers' Guild of China will be held at the Guild Office, Sailors' Home, West Point, on Wednesday next, August 11.

EMPIRE TOUR.

BRITISH DELEGATES LEAVE FOR CANADA.

AUSTRALIA TO BE VISITED.

Rugby, Aug. 8.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. L. M. S. Amery, was present at Waterloo Station, London, yesterday, to bid farewell to the British delegates of the Empire Parliamentary Association, who sailed later in the day from Southampton to Canada en route to Australia.

At Southampton, where they were joined by the Irish Free State delegates, they were accorded a civic send off.

Replying to a speech by the Mayor of Southampton, (Mr. J. E. Silverman), Mr. Arthur Henderson, who, in the absence of the Marquis of Salisbury (who has already left), is senior member of the delegation, said that the tour was a serious mission. The delegation was inclusive of all political parties, and at the Conference in Australia many important questions would be discussed. They must do everything they possibly could to apply the great resources of these young nations not merely to prevent depression of standards of life, but so that the whole community might share in the developments which might take place. Secondly, they wanted more scientific redistribution of the population throughout the Empire as a whole. They hoped by these meetings to make the Empire more solid and united.—British Wireless Service.

Mr. A. Henderson.

LEAGUE COUNCIL.

A SPECIAL MEETING NEXT MONTH.

Rugby, August 8.

It seems probable that a special committee of the League of Nations appointed to consider the composition of the League Council will hold a meeting of the Council, which is due to begin on September 2.

At its earlier meetings this special committee unanimously accepted a scheme submitted by Lord Cecil for the allocation of nine non-permanent seats. But no recommendations were made with regard to permanent seats and the committee adjourned sine die on June 26 in the hope that the difficulty with regard to the clash of Brazil and Spain might be removed in the interval.

Spain has now asked for a further session.

Although apprehensions are said to prevail in Berlin that controversies might arise at such a meeting that will hamper Germany's speedy admission to the League, it is pointed out here that whatever further recommendations might be made by this advisory body the allocation of seats to individual Powers would remain a matter upon which the Assembly would in any case decide of its own free will.—British Wireless Service.

"An initial defeat is often the first step to a glorious victory."—Representative Canfield.

"Perhaps the worst enemy the organ has at present is the organist."—W. H. Haddon Squire.

COAL CRISIS.

VIEWS ON THE CLERICAL PROPOSALS.

Rugby, August 7.

The proposals of the Industrial Christian Fellowship for settling the coal dispute which, with certain modifications, were approved by the miners' delegate conference and referred to the district are still being discussed in the coal fields. Ninety per cent. of the Derbyshire Miners' Association have reached decisions and by about five to one have voted in favour of acceptance of these terms as a basis of negotiation.

It is reported that feeling in Scottish mining areas is keenly divided and a suggestion is advanced that a ballot of all miners instead of vote by branches should be taken.

North Wales, Nottingham, Warwickshire and Durham are reported to be voting in favour.

There is a good deal of opposition in Yorkshire but the result is as yet unknown.

It is already stated that Lancashire is against acceptance, as also is the Forest of Dean.

Meanwhile the positions in the coal fields remains unchanged. Good order, which throughout has characterised the conduct of the miners, still prevails.

With the exception of Warwickshire, where a slowly increasing number of men are resuming work, pits are idle although a considerable number of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire miners are working outerop coal.

It is reported that owners in these counties are considering a new offer on terms which the newspapers believe may attract men back to work next week.

Meanwhile the condition prevailing among the mining population is receiving much attention, and exaggerated statements are corrected in a message which has been given to the United Press of America.

Mr. Baldwin gives denial to reports which have been circulated that starvation prevails among miners' families and to the frequent assertion that the coal dispute is merely a first step to a general attack upon hours and wages by the Government.—British Wireless Service.

Next Move?

Rugby, Aug. 8.

The majority of the mining districts have, it is believed, endorsed the proposals for the settlement of the coal dispute which were drawn up by the Church leaders and the Federation Executive.

The next move of the Executive, which will meet in London on Tuesday, is uncertain, but the Minister of Labour and the Secretary for Mines will remain in London this week in case there should be any development.

The Prime Minister will also return from Worcestershire toward the end of the week.—British Wireless Service.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. City of Corinth, are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after August 15 will be subject to rent.

NOTICES.

PEAK CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Peak Club TO-MORROW (Tuesday) at 6.30 p.m.

E. B. C. HORNELL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th August, 1926.

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